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## Celebrate Tu B'Shevat by donating trees to Israel

"The Ottawa Jewish Community has always been tremendously supportive of JNF," says Ottawa JNF President Mark Klyman. "We know we can count on that support for JNF's 2001 Tu B'Shevat Telethon."

Tu B'Shevat, the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat, traditionally marks the festive 'New Year of Trees'. The date officially signifies the beginning of the new cycle of Israel's blossoming and fruit-bearing trees. In today's Israel, Tu B'Shevat has come to symbolize the modern transformation of the Land of Israel from desert sand to green fields and forests.

The European Ashkenazi communities customarily cel-

ebrated Tu B'Shevat by eating 15 different kinds of fruit, giving special preference to varieties of fruits grown in Israel. The eating of fruits was accompanied by the recitation of psalms.

The Sephardi Jews gave the New Year of Trees even greater significance. The day was called 'The Feast of Fruits' and special poems called 'complas' were sung. A service, believed to have been compiled by the 17th century kabbalist Nathan of Gaza, was modelled on the Passover Seder and included the drinking of four cups of wine.

The joyous holiday is now celebrated throughout the diaspora by the donating of trees to Israel. This year, JNF

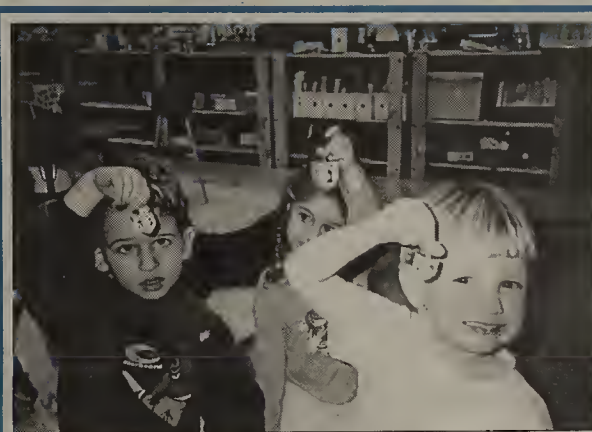
Ottawa has set aside Sunday, January 28, to mark the holiday with its annual, community-wide Tu B'Shevat Telethon appeal.

The Telethon, under Co-Chairs Marcia Cantor, Srul Gencher and Michael Silverman, will see an army of volunteer callers attempt to reach every Jewish household for tree purchases between 10 am - 6 pm. As in past years, The Regional Group has opened its Catherine Street offices for JNF to use as its command/call central.

"This year, the trees purchased in the Telethon will replace vital trees in Israeli forests wantonly destroyed by arsonists," said Gencher. "Unfortunately, those numbers are great. We're confident every household will respond with a resounding 'Yes!' to JNF's city wide appeal."

Trees, at \$9 each, can be purchased in honour or in memory of a loved one or to congratulate or mark a special occasion in a friend or family member's life.

The Telethon affords a unique opportunity for local high school students to accumulate necessary volunteer hours toward the recently-instituted, mandatory Community Volunteerism Program. To volunteer, call the JNF office (798-2411).



"I had a little dreidel ..."

Enjoying Chanukah festivities in Debra Viner's SJCC Hanot class are (from left to right) Shane Shuster, Hayley Ostrega and Riley Taggart.

## "Jews in China" is topic of the 2001 Susan Rudner Memorial Lecture

By Leila Ages

The community is invited to a fascinating lecture, "Jews in China: Legends, History, and Perspectives", with guest speaker, Professor Pan Guang, on Monday, February 12 at 7:30 pm, at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private. Admission is free.

Hosts of the 2001 Susan Rudner Memorial Lecture are The Greenberg Families Library of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC); Carleton University's Department of Religion

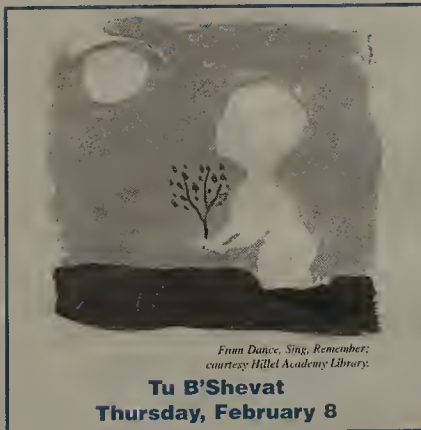
and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; and Agudath Israel Congregation's Adult Jewish Education Program.

Professor Pan Guang is the director of the Institute of European and Asian Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, director of the Center for International Studies, Shanghai Municipality and dean of the Center of Jewish Studies Shanghai (CJSS). His lecture will cover five major topics including: Jews in ancient China; the Kaifeng legends; Jews in modern

China; their adventures and sanctuary in Shanghai; Chinese views on anti-Semitism; Acculturation and mutual support; and Jews in today's China.

The annual Susan Rudner Memorial Lecture has been instituted as a tribute to Rudner's interest and involvement in Jewish Studies and continuing education. Born in England, Rudner served with the British Foreign Office from 1968 to 1973 and was posted to Malaysia and Czechoslovakia. Subsequently, she un-

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## COMMENTARY

# We must do better to ensure quality of life for our disabled



## VAAD Report

**Mark Palmer**  
Executive Director,  
Tamir Foundation

*Editor's note: Vaad President Stephen Greenberg has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs, executive directors or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.*

Last year, as reported in the October 23, 2000 edition of the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*, Tamir conducted a community survey and held focus groups with families. The purpose was to identify the needs of Jews of all ages in Ottawa-Carleton with developmental disabilities, acquired brain injury, or serious chronic mental illness. We are now in the process of trying to respond to the needs. Here is an example.

Lisa (not her real name) is a middle-aged woman with a mild developmental disability. She lives alone. Her parents are in their eighties and no longer able to act as caregivers. Lisa requires constant support to maintain herself. This involves assistance with grocery shopping, meal preparation, house cleaning, banking, preparing for Shabbas ... It also entails helping her to be

involved in her community.

Until last fall, Lisa did not have the support she required. She mismanaged her monthly disability pension. She had only minimal involvement with other people. Her life was in shambles. She went into depression.

Thanks to funding from the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir, Lisa's life has taken a dramatic turn for the better. In only a few short months, she has made new friends, attends synagogue, and is a regular at Tamir's Sabbath dinners. She exercises in the gym at the SJCC with help from Tamir staff, and is now employed part-time in our Day Activity Program helping people with more severe disabilities. Lisa, herself, describes the changes in her life best, when she says: "I receive help with budgeting, communication, relationships, and finding ways to accept my disability. With the patient support of the staff I am getting better at these things, and this makes me feel great. Not to mention the fact that I learned to make latkes!"

Lisa and other disabled Jews involved in our Outreach Program are now supported through a grant of \$10,000 from the Vaad. This is a step in the right direction but falls short of our request to the Vaad.

Tamir recently submitted over \$1 million in proposals to potential funders, including the Vaad and our primary funder, the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS). Our partnership with the MCSS has been a winning formula. We have some irons

in the fire to increase services in collaboration with them.

But the lion's share of needs identified in our survey and focus groups remain. Unfortunately, relative to increasing needs, there has been an erosion of government resources to maintain existing programs and address emerging needs. Consequently, there are individuals who continue to be in need of residential placement and day activity programs. There are Jewish families in need of respite from their constant responsibilities as caregivers. Help is needed to better integrate sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, into Jewish life.

There are several encouraging signs that people are stepping up to the plate. Our membership, donations and bequests are growing. There are many examples of how Jewish people with disabilities, with the help of volunteers, are being welcomed, involved and supported.

However, the current situation needs to be improved. Tamir must find additional means of support. An obvious place to begin is within our own Jewish community. We must do better to ensure Jewish people with developmental and other disabilities, can live, work, play, and worship with dignity and respect, alongside their families and friends here in Ottawa.

To inquire about our programs, please give us a call at 725-3519.

## "Jews in China"

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## The passing of an era

On the 17th day of Kislev corresponding with December 14, my mother-in-law, Chana Gerlitzky passed on.

Suffering from a severe muscle debilitating disease, this once strong and beautiful woman lost her physical presence but never her valour. She was a woman of Canada, born and educated in Montreal, yet her values and uncanny determination for achievement belonged to a different era.

Born in Montreal 76 years ago, her father was a prominent Montreal businessman who cherished Jewish tradition. Her mother, unfortunately, died when she was a tender two years old. Growing up as a teenager without a mother in the turbulent '30s, she attended Bancroft School and Baron Bing High School, always retaining a clear perspective of her Jewish roots and desire to live a life in accordance with Torah values.

As a 19-year-old, she chose to marry one of the nine Yeshiva boys who arrived in Montreal in 1941, Rabbi Moshe Elya Gerlitzky, a Holocaust survivor sent by the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, Yosef Yitzchok Schneerson, to establish Canada's first Yeshiva. When her father asked about the groom's family lineage, his "Yichus", the rebbe said that he was the "Mechutan", family of the groom and with this family you can be proud.

Chana Gerlitzky chose to be a pioneer in Jewish practice. She was the first young married woman in Montreal to don a "sheitel" (head covering), was active in building the first Lubavitcher mikvah in Montreal as well as many other projects that benefitted the general community.

When her own daughters were old enough to attend school, she helped establish the first Jewish girls school



## From the pulpit


**Rabbi Mordecai Berger**  
Young Israel

in Montreal - Beis Yaakov. She recruited girls to be her daughters' classmates, hired teachers, purchased desks and supplies and saw to it that this fledgling school developed into a recognized institution. She was active in the B'kur Cholim Society (visiting the sick), helping orphans and was always ready to be the listening ear and guiding light to young couples. Her house was always an oasis for teenagers who came for Shabbas and viewed her house as their house.

Her steel-willed determination to perpetuate Judaism by her own example endeared her to many. When our children left Ottawa to further their Jewish education, they lived with her as her own children reaping the benefit of her wise counsel.

She leaves behind a legacy of overcoming hardship, perseverance and love of people that will be hard to duplicate. Her eight children, 75 grandchildren and 70 great-grandchildren, "Ken yirhu", will miss this noble woman. May we merit to follow in her lofty footsteps.

*Note: Rabbi Gerlitzky is well known in Ottawa. He has been coming to the city on behalf of the Lubavitcher Yeshiva of Montreal for the past 50 years.*



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## UJA's volunteers help to ensure a successful campaign



After meeting and marrying "an Ottawa girl" (Rhoda Saslove Miller) 20 years ago, Montrealer Jeffrey Miller moved to Ottawa in 1984.

He quickly became involved in his adopted community, beginning with a four-year stint as treasurer on the Board of Directors of Jewish Family Services.

Once the volunteer bug bit, there was no turning back. Having been a parent of two children at Hillel Academy, Jeff joined the Board of Directors where he served for 12 years, as treasurer, first vice-president, president and past-president. "Even though I no longer have children at the school," says Jeff, "I still continue to coach the boys' basketball team."

As a chartered accountant, Jeff's services have been invaluable as chair of the Accountants' Division of the UJA Campaign for two years. He also co-chaired the Major Gift Division another year. "I actively campaigned for the Capital Campaign," he said, "and sat on audit committees, financial management committees, and planning and priorities committees."

Jeff made a decision that every accountant in Ottawa should be canvassed personally by a colleague, a fellow accountant, and he, himself, made a great number of those calls. He's a big believer in the importance of UJA. "I continue to extol the values of UJA," he says. "You have to help out, that is what Tzedakah is all about. It's a good feeling to help and to know that people are benefiting."



Jeffrey Miller and wife Rhoda with Sara and Howard.

Jeff's firm, Ginsberg, Gluzman, Fage & Levitz, donates a staff person to UJA for three weeks every year to help out with the campaign. "We have been doing this for seven years now, and it has been very successful and well received."

The Millers are involved in many activities in the community. Jeff and Rhoda are teaching their children, Howard and Sara, the values they hold dear.

\* \* \* \* \*

Jackie Barwin was born in Hamilton, grew up in Dundas, and lived in Toronto before moving to Ottawa in 1991. Volunteering was a very natural way for her to get to know her new community because she grew up in a family that placed great emphasis on community involvement.

"I have been doing this since I was a teenager," says Jackie. "My



Jackie Barwin with her son Zachary.

family was always involved with UJA – contributing to, and helping the community is my father's favourite topic of conversation at the dinner table! I really did learn by

example."

While studying at the University of Toronto, Jackie worked on the UJA Campus Campaign. "When I moved to Ottawa," she says, "I joined the Young Women's Leadership Division and chaired the program in 1994-95. After that, I chaired a UJA division for two years, chaired Super Sunday with my husband, Kevin, one year, worked on the *Connections* program last year, and am chairing a division this year with two other people."

Her work with UJA has been a positive experience for Jackie. "I am very pleased by how generous the people I call have been," she says. "That is very encouraging because it is very difficult to ask, and very nice to see that when people are given the challenge, they rise to it."

In addition to her commitment to UJA, Jackie sits on the board of the SJCC and is very involved in the Ina McCarthy Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO. She continues to work part time at the Rehabilitation Centre, where she has been since arriving in Ottawa. She and Kevin are the proud parents of six-year-old Zachary and three-year old Meredith; the family participates in activities at the SJCC and are members of Temple Israel. Jackie and Kevin are passing along the values they learned from their parents to the next generation.

"To be involved with UJA," says Jackie, "is a way of having a positive impact on the entire community because when there is a successful campaign, everyone benefits."

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## CJC's Jack Silverstone moves to Ottawa

By Diane Koven

The recent consolidation of Canadian Jewish Congress's national operations has resulted in five additional personnel in its Ottawa office.

Jack Silverstone, executive vice-president and general counsel, arrived here from Montreal with his fami-

ly in September, in time for his two sons to begin school and is very pleased with the way things have shaped up, both personally and professionally.

"It made sense for our national office operations to be consolidated in Ottawa," says Silverstone, "because we are in the government

relations business. We have strong regional offices in different parts of the country, but the work we do with the federal government is best delivered from an Ottawa base." Two other people relocated to Ottawa and two positions that became vacant in Montreal were subsequently filled in Ottawa, but the Mon-

treil office is still open and handles certain administrative functions. "Work-wise," says Silverstone, "this was an important, pragmatic move. The reality is that the people that we need to talk to, to discuss issues with, are here for the most part."

Although he is a native Montrealer, Silverstone has lived and worked in Ottawa before. In the early '80s, he was with the Department of External Affairs and held several diplomatic postings. "When the job with Congress became available," he says, "I was happy to take it." For the past 15 years, he has held senior management positions

with Congress, the whole time in Montreal except for the sabbatical year in 1996-97 that his family spent in Israel. Although initially called to the Bar in Quebec, Silverstone has been a member of the Ontario Bar for many years as well.

The Silverstone family has quickly become a part of the Ottawa community. Jack's wife, Ann, is doing a field placement for her social work degree at Hillel Lodge; son Simon is a student at Yitzhak Rabin High School; and son Lee is studying at Hillel Academy. Gavriella, their daughter who was born in Ottawa



Jack Silverstone

during the family's previous sojourn here, is still in Montreal completing her second year CEGEP studies.

"The community has been welcoming both to me and my family," says Silverstone, "and it is appreciated. We are very pleased to be here."

## JET flies despite inclement weather!

Neither freezing rain nor snow will keep the crowds from attending JET events. Despite adverse weather conditions, JET (*Jewish Education through Torah*), attracted crowds to three events in December.

On December 2, Dr. Ed and Diane Zeligman opened their home to some 50 people for a *Melava Malka*. Guest speaker Rabbi Dr. Barry Levy of McGill University captivated the audience with his fascinating interpretation of biblical verses.

On December 16, JET ran a "Havdalah Night" at the

Soloway JCC. JET's director, Rabbi Zischa Shaps, spoke about the significance of the Havdalah ceremony at the end of Shabbat, and the purpose and functions of its main components: the wine, spices, candle and blessings. The evening included an arts and crafts "spice box" project for children. JET will hold its next *Havdalah Night* on February 24 at the Soloway JCC at 7:30 pm. This program will feature a Sephardic Havdalah led by Cantor Daniel Benlolo.

On December 24, Rabbi Zischa and Lauren Shaps

hosted the annual Chanukah party complete with latkes and *freiliche* atmosphere. In his O'var Torah, Shaps spoke about the strengthening of faith one derives from experiencing a miracle, and how each year, when we light our Chanukah candles, it should be a reminder of all the miracles large and small that God does for us on a daily basis.

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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

### Dynamic duo

# Diane and Michael Parkins' separate and related creativities

By Sharon Abron  
Drache

It is a dark pre-Shabbat afternoon in late November. I am touring the home and art gallery of Diane and Michael Parkin, except that my docent is Michael's wife and their home is not a commercial gallery.

Several dichotomies are apparent in the household of this dynamic duo. Michael is out of town, yet it feels like he is present. His paintings, crafts and sculpture fill the rooms. Diane, a midwife, is continuously on call. She warns that she may have to answer the phone while we conduct this interview.

Twice we are interrupted as she responds to calls from clients at various stages of pregnancy and post-delivery. She explains that she is a primary health caregiver who sees women through the various stages of childbirth, a role recognized officially by the province of Ontario in

1994, enabling midwifery as a healthcare service to be claimed and covered totally by OHIP.

This particular Shabbat (November 17, 2000) at Temple Israel, Diane receives an *aliya* on behalf of herself and Michael at a tricity, NFTY/NELR (North American Federation of Temple Youth/ North East Lakes Region) event, honouring the Parkins' previous decade of service as adult/couple/advisers to Temple Israel youth called FROSTY (Federation of Reform Ottawa Senior Temple Youth).

Diane recalls: "When we started as FROSTY advisers there was a closely-knit group of 6-8 teens including some outsiders. This number quickly grew to a core number of about 20 and in a good year reached as many as 40." Among the initial group with the Parkins in the late 1980s were Daisy Soderstrom, Rebecca Richardson, Eliana



Diane and Michael Parkin renew their marriage vows.

Delicate, Silene Hertz-Fischler and Mordecai Drache – the latter two are not from Temple Israel but Adath Shalom. Temple policy never excludes any Jewish youth who wish to work and study with FROSTY.

"We had a room at the Temple especially for the youth group where we planned and held some of our activities," says Diane. "We also met in members' homes

and at our house."

The FROSTY event on November 17 hosted about 80 teens, predominantly new members not only from Ottawa, but other cities. The event was planned well-ahead of time at the NFTY/NELR summer camp north of Toronto, (Camp George on Maple Lake near Parry Sound).

Diane's enthusiasm has not waned since her and Michael's retirement as Tem-

ple Israel youth advisers. She still likes to get involved. Youth excites her, FROSTY excites her, and yet there is a calm and modesty to Diane whose midwifery career is as unique as her husband's career as a visual artist.

As long as Diane can remember Michael has been an artist, and certainly full-time since 1976. "Michael is very creative – it is part of his soul." Michael is also a psychologist whose post-doctoral degree is in suicide studies. He has worked for both the government and the Ottawa School Board including a stint as Director of Research.

The team of artist and midwife made a dynamic duo for Temple Israel Youth from the late 1980s until the Parkins' retirement in the spring of 1998. Diane explains why Temple Israel chooses a couple instead of a single person to act as youth advisers. "We want to set role

models for teens. We want to show them that being a couple is a good thing, that marriage is sacred, that being Jewish is good. We bring Jewish ritual and prayer into the youth group and students like that, even those who come from homes where there is little Jewish observance. We also try to teach the value of sharing and networking, of spiritual support for each other to develop links that can last forever."

Diane and Michael have two children (Diane also has a son Brett from a previous marriage) who were both active members of FROSTY, their son, Jeremy, now 19, and daughter Erica, now 23. Currently Erica studies glass-blowing at Sheridan College in Oakville, while Jeremy is living and working on Kibbutz Lotan near Jerusalem.

Previous co-leader of FROSTY, with her husband Gary, Debra Viner confirms (Continued on page 19)

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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

# Chabad Barrhaven uses Bima from former Hillel Lodge

By Diane Koven

Now that The Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge in The Joseph and Inez Zelikovitz Long Term Care Centre is in full operation, have you ever wondered what happened to all the furniture and fittings in the "old" Hillel Lodge? Fear not – nothing was wasted!

According to Stephen Schneiderman, the Lodge executive director, every effort was made to ensure that anything that could be recycled would have a new home.

"Our only criteria for giving things away," he said, "was that the people or organizations had to assure us that the items would be put to good use and that it would be of immediate use."

"We didn't want things to simply be put in storage."

Beds were given to a women's shelter, to a mis-

sion for palliative care and to a local high school that offers a training course for people who want to become personal care aides.

Kitchen equipment was given to Camp B'nai Brith, pews were given to Agudath Israel Congregation and some of the furniture made its way to the Jewish Family Services depot to be distributed to immigrants and the needy.

The Bima from the former chapel was donated to the Ottawa Torah Center Chabad, a small but growing congregation based in suburban Barrhaven.

For the past couple of years, Rabbi Menachem Blum has been holding services in the basement of his home, using folding chairs and a makeshift Bima. The services have grown in popularity and now attract a regular weekly core of attendees.

"There is a growing

community in Barrhaven," says Blum "and a synagogue is being planned. We went from a minyan once a month three years ago to weekly services now."

"We have a new Torah coming in a few months to replace the one we borrowed from Young Israel Congregation. We have the furniture; now we are just working on the structure."

With large employers such as Nortel and JDS locating in the Barrhaven area, and the urban plan showing tremendous growth for the coming

years, it is inevitable that the Jewish community presence will increase as well.

Blum is poised to serve the growing needs of the community and the new Bima is just the first step. He is looking forward to the day when the Bima will be installed in a "home" of its own as the little congregation is quickly outgrowing the Blums' basement.

The Ottawa Torah Center also serves as a base for outreach programs such as classes and family holiday celebrations.



RABBI M. BLUM STANDS BY THE NEW BIMBA at the Ottawa Torah Center Chabad.

## Register now for Jewish Pre-School of the Arts

The Jewish Pre-School of the Arts is now open for registration for September 2001.

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## FEATURE

# Israel's First Lady to Canada already "at home" in Ottawa

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

If you think Linda Divon speaks with a New York accent, you're absolutely right. Israel's First Lady to Canada, the wife of Haim Divon, Israel's new ambassador to Canada, is New York born and bred.

"Actually, I was born in New Jersey and grew up in Queens, New York," she smiles. "But, in my junior year in college, I went to Israel to spend a year at Hebrew U. I met my future husband and decided I wanted to remain in Israel."

Shortly after the 19-year-old co-ed arrived in Israel in the summer of 1969, she made a fortuitous decision to volunteer at the Hadassah Hospital. One day, a fellow-volunteer said, "I'd like you to meet Haim Davis". The wounded young soldier was recovering at Hadassah Hospital. The introduction was made and Fate went to work.

"Davis was Haim's surname until the Foreign Service requested he choose a more Israeli-sounding surname," explains Linda Divon. "Divon, the name he chose, is one of two cities – Meydva and Divon – on the eastern bank of the Jordan River that are mentioned in the Bible.

"Haim's parents had made aliyah from London, England, when Haim's sister was four. Haim was born



Linda Divon

in Israel, which makes him a sabra. Haim's late father was a doctor and, in fact, was one of the building blocks of the Hadassah Hospital. For a time he even served as its director-general," she says.

The young couple met in July but it wasn't until late November, when they ran into one another in a disco, that they began dating in earnest. They were married in the synagogue at Hadassah Hospital in March, 1971.

"Hadassah Hospital has played a significant part in our lives," says Divon. "We met at Hadassah Hospital, were married in the synagogue where the Chagall windows are, and two of our three children were born there."

Linda Himmel married an aspiring lawyer, wound up a career diplomat's wife and has loved every minute of it. "Haim studied law, passed the Bar and was getting ready to enter private

practice when he saw an ad seeking Foreign Service applicants. He tried the exams and, before we knew it, he'd started the training course. We've never looked back."

In 1977, the Divons packed up their three-year-old daughter and six-month-old son and left for their first posting in Bombay, India.

"Haim was the first of his group to be chosen for a posting," his wife says proudly. At that time the Indian Jewish Community numbered approximately ten thousand primarily divided among the cities of Calcutta, Bombay and New Delhi.

In January, 1981, Haim Divon was posted to the Israeli Consulate in Toronto. "We arrived in Toronto during the first week of January," Linda Divon laughs. "We went straight from the heat of India right into the middle of winter. The day we landed in Toronto it was minus 35 degrees!"

After a two-and-a-half-year stint in Canada, the Divons returned to Israel where they remained until 1985, when they packed up the family for Sri Lanka. They spent four happy years representing Israel in that country.

"My memories of Sri

Lanka are very special because our daughter Michelle was born there," Divon smiles. "Actually, Michelle was born in Singapore, but she was born during that posting."

"Our older children were at a nice age then and we were able to do a lot together as a family. Sri Lanka is a beautiful country and we travelled a great deal."

"The Jewish Community there consisted of three elderly widows who had married Sri Lankans," she says. "That is a story in itself."

The next posting saw the Divon family hanging its collective hats in Ethiopia from 1991-93. "The first year we had curfews following the civil war," Divon says, adding with a chuckle, "We felt right at home."

During that posting, the Divons became acquainted with the Ethiopian Bnai Israel Community preparing for aliyah to Israel. Divon

also recalls the Ethiopian Adenese Jewish Community numbered only a few elderly gentlemen.

The Divons spent from 1993-2000, in Israel. In autumn 2000, Haim Divon succeeded David Sultan as ambassador of Israel to Canada and the couple moved to Ottawa.

"We love Ottawa," Linda Divon says happily. "Ottawa

has a warm, welcoming Jewish Community. Our son has fallen in love with Ottawa and has already received permission to complete his degree here at the University of Ottawa."

With all the moving the Divons' lives have entailed, how does Linda Divon manage to maintain what is obviously a happy family

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Doron Fleischer (right), an architect from Israel, volunteers his time every year to help communities raise awareness of the UJA Campaign. He is pictured at one of his favourite Ottawa hang-outs, Nate's Deli, with restaurant owner Dave Smith.

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Accordianist, pianist, and singer Josh Dolgin became inspired to play Klezmer and Yiddish music after attending KlezKanada in the Laurentians for the first time three summers ago. It was there that he met Levy, and shortly thereafter they began playing together in The Luftmentschn Klezmer band, and as a duo.

Dolgin originally comes from Ottawa (actually Chelsea) and is the son of Marc and A.C. Dolgin. From age 11 he was active in the local musical community including Orpheus Society, and JCC Theatreworks productions. Recently graduated from McGill University, Dolgin is now living and working in Montreal where he is making a film with a Canada Council grant, and making as much music as possible.

Levy has been performing Yiddish folksongs and theatre songs in Montreal both as a soloist and with several Klezmer bands. Her passion for Yiddish music dates back to childhood when she followed her mother's footsteps onto the stage of Montreal's Yiddish Theatre led by Dora Wasserman; since then she has been in many of its productions. Her discovery of the Klezmer revival was the most exciting thing imaginable. It provided her with an outlet for her musical passion and led her to others who shared this passion. Most importantly, the revival ensures the survival and evolution of this rich musical heritage.

Luftmentschn is the Yiddish expression meaning "people with their heads in the clouds". While their music soars, it is also down to earth, well rooted in tradition.

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Mark Klyman

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## FEATURE

### Israel's First Lady to Canada already "at home" in Ottawa

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lifestyle and well-adjusted children?

"First of all, Haim and I are very much a partnership," she explains. "Each place we move to becomes a home, our home, and we bring many of our own familiar things and personal possessions with us.

"We've also discovered that if the parents are positive about the experiences

they are having, the children are positive, too."

By her own admission, Divon is very much a 'people person'. "I love every aspect of the life I lead," she says. "I feel very wealthy having met and befriended so many people over the years, both locals and diplomats.

"And I love all this moving. Life is an adventure. I have been blessed to travel,

to meet so many people. I have tried to pass this attitude on to the children and I think they understand and appreciate it."

The Divons have three children: Yael, 27, who recently completed her MBA in London, England; Elan, currently studying toward his BA at the University of London; and Michelle, 14, who attends high school in Ottawa.



THE DIVON FAMILY in the embassy back yard (from left to right): son Elan, Linda, daughter Yael, Ambassador Haim Divon and daughter Michelle.

### The third Young Jewish Leadership Diplomatic Seminar, July 15 - August 3

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and lodging, excursions and other costs. Participants are responsible for covering their flight costs to and from Israel.

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# OPINION

## The Starting Point: A woman's view of new beginnings in Jerusalem

By Laura Gelfand

*Editor's note: Laura Gelfand lives in Jerusalem. Her commentary appeared on January 1, 2001 in a San Francisco newspaper.*

The strife in Jerusalem is as old as the city itself. And so is the solution.

It wasn't my thing, not really. I do love synagogue and other Jewish celebrations and rituals. But when people put their arms around me and sway, I get nervous. I feel contrived. I want to bat them away.

Still, when my friend Eliyahu invited me to a peace vigil in Jerusalem's Old City, I thought it would be worth a look. For us Jerusalemites, praying for peace holds special significance. It is worth a little discomfort, especially these days, filled with so much fear and tragedy.

Eliyahu is a Hassidic Jew who learned about reconciliation during his college and post-college years in Berkeley. Today, he lives in Jerusalem and spends much of his time meeting with rabbis and sheikhs. He believes that Judaism and Islam hold the keys to conciliation for both our wounded peoples, and so he brings Palestinians and Israelis together to pray, to study religious texts, to meditate, and to seek alternative routes to peace.

Politics is always an aside. He invites people of all

faiths to the weekly peace vigil, so I called on my friend Nader, a Palestinian who lives in the Old City, to join me. We met inside the Jaffa Gate - where we always do - the gate that separates his world from mine.

Since the intifada started, my friendship with Nader has been affected in just one way: We now speak only in English instead of Hebrew. He thinks it's safer for me to be perceived as a tourist rather than an Israeli when I'm in Arab neighborhoods. And it can be dangerous for a Palestinian to be perceived by his community as sympathetic to Israel or Israelis. I guess he is afraid. I am afraid sometimes, too.

It was quiet at the vigil, except for the heavy police presence at The Wall and the Temple Mount. In the shadows of the police, who were clad in full riot gear, we sat in a circle on wool rugs with memorial candles burning before us and talked about what we expected and how we could make a difference.

One speaker suggested we not use the expression "Muslim Day of Rage," because it reinforces stereotypes about Muslims and violence.

Another speaker told us that on her way to the vigil, a Palestinian had asked her the time and they had started chatting. She said, "There he was, reading his newspaper and hanging out, and yet this

was not the vision the world had of Palestinians." He told her, "Most of us on both sides are not involved in the fighting. It is just the fringes of both societies." We just want to live our lives, he told her, and she agreed.

A yeshiva student related a story from the Torah that implored us to be more compassionate to "the other."

A man in a white tunic, white yarmulke and silver Star of David stood up. It is those who create the most

trouble who are the most in need of peace, of love. It is they who are crying out for help, a cry we must heed, he said.

After discussions and personal reflections, we had 20 minutes of silent meditation and prayers for peace in the moments before Muslim prayers on the Mount were to end. The week before, the group had heard rioting and shooting as prayers ended.

I don't meditate or even know how, but those mo-

ments of silence were intense and moving for me - sitting in such proximity to these Jewish and Muslim holy sites, to the police officers, to these peace activists, to my Palestinian friend, to my observant Jewish friends - wondering how much people's lives would change in the next half hour.

This week, thankfully, quiet prevailed - at least from where we were sitting. Everything seemed almost normal. We didn't see any

rocks being thrown over The Wall or hear any shots.

We were led in Jewish, Christian and Muslim prayers for peace and compassion. Then, when people started hugging and holding hands, I felt nervous. That isn't really my thing.

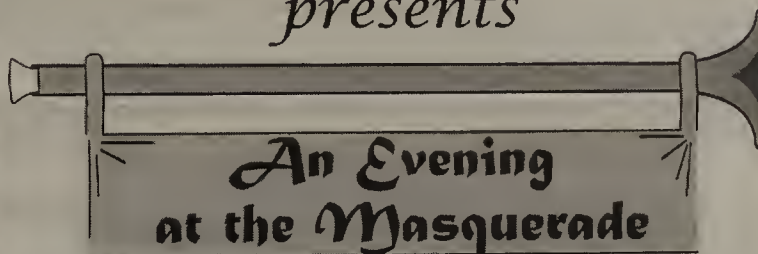
But with Eliyahu holding one hand and Nader holding the other, I did feel hopeful. I was connecting an Orthodox Israeli and a Palestinian. And it wasn't contrived. If we

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## OPINION



HILLEL ACADEMY GRADE 1 STUDENTS sit in their "Beit Hamigdash" that they built for Chanukah.

### The starting point ... in Jerusalem

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could do this, others could.

Sometimes people say there has been too much pain for everyone to forgive or trust each other. But Nader's father lost siblings in the 1948 war, and his son is my good friend. I have Jewish-Israeli friends who almost died in suicide bomb attacks, and many of them still believe in peace. A writer for the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* pointed out recently that the United States made a real peace with Japan and with Vietnam. If they can do it, why can't we?

Of course, here we are neighbors with serious political issues that need to be

worked out. But in the meantime, if we can see each other as humans in need of compassion, and listen to and validate each other's concerns, perhaps there is a better chance for those issues to succeed. That's what we were trying to do.

I have my moments of cynicism, though. At the vigil, I saw a Jewish man swaying in prayer and it reminded me of all the Jews in concentration camps who prayed for their salvation and were killed anyway. But then it occurred to me that our prayers had, at the very least, a deep effect upon each of us. They had raised our consciousness.

I thought about greed and defences and self-centredness and how that plays out. If each of us pays more attention to our own behavior and seeks to be more emotionally generous, perhaps that is a beginning.

And, as the Jews and Muslims prayed together. I also thought about the effect it had for each people to see the other as having common needs and goals and values. Eliyahu says that witnessing joy and suffering brings healing to others and ourselves.

And that is something - a beginning at least - that I am willing to sway for, even if it makes me uncomfortable.

### Chapters donates \$50,000 to B'nai Brith Canada

Chapters presented a \$50,000 cheque to B'nai Brith Canada to establish a special Endowment Fund to be used for Holocaust educational programs and initiatives. Chapters' donation was from the sales of *The Holocaust Chronicle: A History in Words and Pictures*, a special book launched on Holocaust Awareness Day, May 2, 2000.

Chapters committed \$5 from each book sold as a donation to B'nai Brith. On May 2, B'nai Brith lodges and regional offices in cities across Canada joined Chapters stores to commemorate the launch of *The Holocaust Chronicle*. In just four months, all 10,000 copies of the book were sold, an overwhelming result which exceeded all expectations.

*The Holocaust Chronicle* was conceived as a not-for-profit venture by its original publisher, Louis Weber of Publications International Ltd., who is the son of Holocaust survivors. Although the

book was available in bookstores across North America, only Chapters sold it as a fund-raiser, honouring the spirit in which the book was published. Both Chapters and Weber covered only their actual costs of the book so that net profits from sales, \$5 from each book, could be donated to Holocaust education.

*The Holocaust Chronicle* was sold for \$20, a remarkable price considering the superb quality, design and scholarship of this gift-edition hardcover book. At that price, many schools and

libraries were able to purchase it as a teaching tool.

*The Holocaust Chronicle*, written and fact-checked by top Holocaust historians, features over 2000 photographs, most never before published in book form. The 750-page book is a portable archive: a comprehensive and compelling history of the Holocaust that gives names, faces and stories to victims, resisters and perpetrators. The book also features a 3,000-item timeline, thoroughly outlining the events that transpired before, during and after the Holocaust.

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# Chanukah reflections

By Amanda L. Shore

Age 10

*Editor's note: Grade 5 student Amanda Shore wrote this essay for a class assignment at Stephen Leacock Public School in Kanata.*

I...

On Chanukah I play a game with a spinning top called a dreidel. To play, each player gets a certain amount of either nuts, chocolate money, etc. Then each player takes a turn spinning the dreidel. There is one letter on each of the four sides of the dreidel. Each one means a different thing. On Chanukah we also eat potato pancakes called latkes.

I smell ...

Mmm ... What's that smell? It's the latkes frying in the pan. The smell is a mix of potatoes and oil with some onions. The smell makes my mouth water. I remember coming home from school and even before I went in I could smell the latkes frying. Sometimes I help my mom, but I don't usually help make them; instead I usually help eat them.

I hear ...

"Ha! Ha! Woo Who! I won!" This is what I hear on Chanukah. Cheers of laughter, songs of rejoicing and prayers being said over the candles. I also hear

other things such as wrapping paper being crumpled, my mom and my aunt fussing over dinner and my dad and uncle talking. These are the sounds of Chanukah.

I see ...

"Wow! Look at them shine!" I think as I watch the candles shimmer in the candleholder which is called a Menorah. The sight is extraordinary especially when you put them on the window-sill and the moon shines down on them. Our Menorah is gold. I remember the first time I lit a candle. How good it felt.

I eat ...

"Yum!" I think as I munch away on a nice warm latke. Mixed in with sour cream or applesauce, they taste heavenly. They're so good I could eat them for the rest of my life. Except I would probably get sick of them. We don't just eat latkes though we also eat other things. Sometimes as a treat we have doughnuts.

I feel ...

On Chanukah I feel warm and fuzzy inside. I feel really close to my family. To me the most important thing about Chanukah is being with my family. Some nights when we don't have company over I feel more attached to my family than when I am with others.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?



Chanukah Daze

At the Beth Shalom Chanukah Ball held in 1950, those pictured participated in a play entitled "Chanukah Daze". Rachel Gould, who recently presented this picture to the Ottawa Jewish Archives, was responsible for all the costumes. (Front row, from left to right): Meyer Drazin, Musty Koffman, Norman Torontow; (back row) Sam Caplan, Lou Weiner, Izzie Shore, Irving Betcherman, Bert Loeb, Harold Pearl, David Fine, Dave Zelkowitz, Louis Achbar.



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"Jerusalem of Gold"

Star of David Hebrew School's Grade 3 students enhanced their studies of Israel with a "Project of Jerusalem". Notes from each student were fastened to a section of the Kotel. Pictured (from left to right): Andrew Hill, Sebastian Davids, Jorey Cohen, Naomi Niznick, Zachary Davids, Benjamin Globerman; (absent) Shaina Dube, Joel Glass.

## Board of Jewish Education holds successful PD Day

By Zelaine Shinder

In early December, over 60 Judaic Studies teachers from all of the community's schools met at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building for their third annual Professional Development Day. The event was organized by the Board of Jewish Education (BJE) and the Student Support program of Jewish Family Services.

This year's focus was on "Building and Renewing our Jewish Schools" by introducing a more innovative curriculum and integrating all subjects, such as Music, Art and Drama.

Cooki Levy, the principal of Akiva Day School in Montreal and the president of the Association of Prin-

cipals of Jewish Schools of Montreal, was the keynote speaker. She was joined by her husband, Rabbi Dr. Barry Levy, the Dean of Religious Studies and professor of Biblical Studies at McGill University, and Laya Block, the founder and director of the Gan-Gani Pre-school in London, Ontario. New this

year was the teaching of Life Cycle and Mitzvot, a pre-school and primary school round table discussion led by Charna Mittleman.

The BJE, consisting of all the principals of the local Jewish schools meets monthly to plan and discuss ideas that promote and enhance Jewish education.

## Rabbi Bulka to lecture on the Ten Commandments

Rabbi Reuven Bulka will be lecturing at the Ottawa Lay School of Theology on the Ten Commandments - The Foundation of Society.

In existence for 37 years, the Ottawa Lay School of Theology is sponsored by the Anglican, Presbyterian and United Churches. One of its objec-

tives is to encourage dialogue among members of different faiths.

This will be the fifth time Bulka has lectured at the school.

The course will place the Ten Commandments into a historical-theological context and explore the contents of the Commandments, including their

chronology and how each has become part of civilization as we know it.

The course, which began January 8, will continue every Monday evening until March 12 at 8:40 pm in the basement of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 82 Kent Street.

There is a fee of \$35 and everybody is welcome.

## Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel

Applications are now being accepted for the fifteenth annual Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel. The fully endowed Fellowship program will take place from July 2 through August 8, 2001.

During these five weeks, Fellows meet with a wide range of Israeli thinkers, public personalities and religious and communal leaders, experience a week-long *Mifgash* with Israeli teenagers, and study Jewish texts.

The program continues after the summer in Israel with a three-day fall seminar in New York City. Fellowships are awarded to 26 individuals who will be entering Grade 12 in the

fall of 2001. Awards are based on merit and not on need.

Bronfman Fellows are typically young people who are thinking seriously about issues of Jewish identity, are open to hearing many voices and are not shy about having their voice be heard.

Participants emerge from this unique program with a heightened sensitivity to and concern for the issues and challenges facing the Jewish people.

Applications are due January 31, 2001. Call (518) 475-7212 for a brochure and application.

Fellowship recipients will be notified April 30, 2001.

## Mazal Tov!

### Engaged!

Mara and Isaac Muzikansky are happy to announce the engagement of their son Samuel to Diana Vasserman, daughter of Luba and Jordan Vasserman of Toronto. Proud grandparents are Golda and Sam Treger of Ottawa, Cercle and Ivan Prokofiev of Toronto, and Dora Vasserman of Israel. The wedding is planned for August 2001, in Toronto.

### It's a Boy!

Bill and Cari (Kerzner) Meil are proud to announce the birth of their son Samuel Wolf on November 10, 2000 weighing 4 lb 7oz in Indiana, PA. Proud grandparents are Ed and Judi Kerzner of Ottawa, and Hank and Barbara Meil of Philadelphia, PA.

### It's a Boy!

Sheila Smith and Walter Saltzberg of Winnipeg excitedly announce the arrival of their grandchild, Jared, born to Rhonda and Grant Smith on October 19, 2000. Delighted great-grandparents are Pearl Greenberg and Izzie Greenberg. Jared is named in memory of Walter's brother, Jersey (Warsaw, 1944).

### It's a Boy!

Brian and Sheryl Gencher are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Evan, on November 7, 2000. A brother to Jaynee Mara. Proud grandparents are Leah and Bob Gencher, and Sheila and Arthur Zaitlin, of Montreal. Great-grandmother is Regina Shiller. All well.

Diane Koven, B.A. (Hons.)



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### Vaad do you want to know?

#### CRC

Two isolated incidents of vandalism occurred over the holidays involving homes that displayed Chanukah ornaments. The Hate Crimes Unit was called to investigate.

The occurrences were thought to be random acts, but police heightened patrols in the area and continue to be vigilant. If you are party to any incident please notify Alyce Baker, Director of Communications (798-4696 ext. 255) and Sergeant Murray Knowles (236-1222, ext. 2468).

The Israeli Foreign Ministry website has established a page commemorating Israeli soldiers and civilians killed in Palestinian terrorist attacks and violence since September 27.

The virtual memorial site may be accessed through the Foreign Ministry homepage (<http://www.mfa.gov.il>) or directly at <http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/go.asp?mfah0iky0>.

#### Hillel Academy

Close-circuit cameras have recently been installed at entrances to 31 Nadolny Sachs Private. The monitor is housed at the security desk under the supervision of Jamie Gagnon.

#### Birthright Israel

The following Ottawa youth have just returned from the most recent *Birthright Israel* trip: Daniel Abrams, Dina Bilenkis, Marc Goldfinger, Marissa Rosenhek, Joey Shulman, Jamie Szirtes, Jessica Vinograd, Arik Benisty, David Hubenig, Jesse Friedman, Shayle Rothman, Tamara Milberg, Nathan Wilder, Johnny Cracower, Nathalie Bay, Alex Moskovsky and Eric Rabkin. They will be encouraged to share their experiences with the community and to urge fellow Ottawans to apply to future trips.

#### Staff

Heidi Coleman, director of United Jewish Appeal will be leaving Ottawa at the end of January. She has accepted a position as Director of Development for the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation.

We thank Heidi for her years of service and dedication to the community and wish her much success in her future endeavours.



It was a night to remember, both for the performing artists and their guests.

The Maimonides girls' choir, accompanied by Shirley Schickelkraut on guitar, sang out for 90 minutes December 9, delighting the women-only audience of mothers, grandmothers, aunts and friends.

The 12 choir members sang traditional Jewish songs and Chanukah melodies. Several of the girls, including Erica York and Sarah Rahimowitch, charmed the audience with solos and duets.

### MAILBAG

#### Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Lipton, Saskatchewan Jewish settlement

Dear Editor,

The Regina Jewish Community will be celebrating its 95th Anniversary in 2001 and its 100th in 2006. The Planning Committee will be kicking off this special event with the Commemorative Celebrations of the Jewish Pioneers who settled in Lipton Colony, Northwest Territories.

In the spring of 1901, 100 Jews

arrived from Romania in what was then the N.W.T. to settle in the newly formed Jewish Agricultural Colony of Lipton. Other settlers arrived later from Romania and Russia and together they shared the hardships of disease, harsh climate and poor farming conditions.

By 1905, the Colony had established a Jewish cemetery and organized the first of three schools. Although many settlers left to seek a better life in larger centres, the Lipton Colony remained a close-knit community throughout the Great Depression and the Second World War. The last burial in the Lipton Cemetery occurred in 1951.

There are many people who had relatives living in this area or who are buried in the Lipton Cemetery. We are putting together a heritage package – history, immigration, personal biographical stories, etc. We would appreciate receiving any information that will help in this endeavour by February 15, 2001.

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## FEATURE

# "Visa for Life" – Diplomats who rescued Jews

"It is a fantastic comment on the inhumanity of our times that for thousands and thousands of people a piece of paper with a stamp on it is the difference between life and death."

– Dorothy Thompson, journalist

The Nazis depended on the support of millions in order to murder millions. Among the few Jews who survived the Holocaust some did so primarily on their own initiative and resourcefulness, while others were aided by good people – friends, neighbours and total strangers.

Many people turned a blind eye and did nothing to help, or worse still they made it harder for the innocent to survive. Diplomats enjoyed a special status in the countries where they served and were in a unique position to extend significant help to refugees.

An exhibit entitled "Visa for Life" recently on display at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, now relocated to the National Library, 395 Wellington Street until February 5, honours those individuals who rescued tens of thousands of people, mostly Jews.

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Elly Bollegroof, an active member of the Shoah (Holocaust) Remembrance Committee, was, as a child, hidden by non-Jews in Holland for over two years. Following are excerpts from her remarks delivered at the opening of the exhibit on January 4.

This exhibit, which re-



lates and celebrates the heroic rescue accomplishments of a number of Embassy diplomats in Europe during the Second World War, has provided us with the opportunity to not only honour and thank these people, but also to recognize them as examples of the great heights to which people can aspire as human beings.

Generally speaking, when reflecting on the enormity of deeds performed, one has to reflect on the situation and context in which people find themselves. Diplomatic status was not the unique criteria required for coming to the rescue of Jews and others; a small percentage of ordinary, seemingly powerless European citizens were capable of, and in fact did perform, amazing feats of bravery, and provided life saving assistance to Jews, often at great personal expense and danger to themselves and their families.

Amongst those living in Ottawa are:

- the late Arie van Mansum, who provided hiding places, false ID cards, food ration cards, etc., to over 300 Jews in Holland.

- Jacqueline Gerridzen, who with her mother, fed, hid and clothed, three adult Jews in their second floor apartment in the middle of Amsterdam – one stayed for five years, and two for three years.

- Mrs. Norder and her late husband, who fed, hid and clothed a young Jewish couple in the attic of their seed-potato barn, in Holland, for close to three years.

- Riet Morel, who with her husband, in Holland, hid a Jewish girl under their bed for six weeks.

- Vicki Tassie from The Hague in Holland, who showed her extreme displeasure with the Nazis' act of singling out Jews, by wearing the Jewish cloth star on her coat in public for several weeks, and, who in her Red Cross work, secretly took

in hiding during the Second World War.

Amongst the many diplomats, and it appears that there were many, who did extend their help, most of those featured in this exhibit are truly remarkable people. Yes, their diplomatic status provided them with positions of power so that they had much greater opportunities than those in powerless positions for performing acts of greatness. For one thing, they were able to provide assistance to a far greater number of people. What is important to recognize is that it is not just that they had greater opportunities, but that they took those opportunities.

Ottawa has a number of reminders of these phenomenal acts of bravery and rescue:

- Raoul Wallenberg provided Swedish protective passes and safe-houses to: Dr. Erwin Koranyi, the late Andrew Fodor and Yvonne

Singer, formerly of Ottawa, now of Toronto, who was born in a Wallenberg safe-house.

- The Danish Rescue of Jews living in Denmark, and taken to Sweden in October 1943 is credited in large measure to the intervention of German Shipping Attaché in Denmark, Georg Ferdinand Duckwitz. Those saved as a result of these actions are: Anne Steiner (born Federer) and her husband, Charles Steiner, who currently live in Prescott, Ontario.

- Chiune (Sempo) Sugihara, the Japanese Consul to Lithuania, provided a visa to the father of Berel Rodal of Ottawa, who was able to escape to Kobe, Yokohama, and then Shanghai before arriving in Montreal.

These individuals are reminders to everyone of the good that people can do for the benefit of the oppressed, even in times of great danger, when they make the most of their positions of power.

## Weizmann Institute seeks students for Summer Science Institute

Selected science students will be chosen to represent Canada this summer at the Dr. Bessie F. Lawrence 33rd International Summer Science Institute on the campus of the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel from July 2 to July 27.

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# CHAI LIGHTS



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## A charitable score!

The date was November 29th, 2000. The place – Corel Centre, centre ice. The crowd – 500 sports enthusiasts. The event – the third Annual Community Sports Dinner. The score ... a score for charity at the enormously successful third Annual Community Sports Dinner, a fundraiser for the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) and the Ottawa Senators Foundation (OSF); with additional proceeds going to the Canadian Olympic Association.

Five hundred people and over 75 athletes attended this year's event. This was a star-studded evening led by Senators coach Jacques Martin and 12 players including Marian Hossa, Alexi Yashin and Daniel Alfredsson. Members of the Ottawa 67's, coach Brian Kilrea and owner Jeff Hunt were also on hand during the evening as were alumni Ottawa Rough Riders – George Brancato and Mark Kosmos and Olympic athletes Sharon Donnelly, Alison Korn, Laurie Graham and Waneek Horn-Miller.

Guest keynote speaker was Rubin

'Hurricane' Carter, one of the greatest middleweight professional boxers of the 20th century and real life inspiration for the Academy Award-nominated film *The Hurricane*. Despite spending 19 years in prison for a wrongful triple homicide conviction, Carter displayed no bitterness, only inspiration in his message. He spoke of redemption, daring to dream, overcoming adversity and seizing opportunity.

MC for the evening was Hall of Famer Jack Donohue who was joined by other event participants including three time Olympic medalist and two time Canadian female athlete of the year Carolyn Waldo, and Dean Brown – voice of the Ottawa Senators and frequent contributor on Hockey Night in Canada.

Over 150 live and silent auction items featuring sports memorabilia were auctioned off. A coveted auction item included a Maurice Richard autographed pro-jersey bid on for \$1800 by Ottawa Senator Radek Bonk.



All smiles from SJCC staff with Ottawa Senator Alexi Yashin at the Community Sports Dinner.

On behalf of both participating organizations special thanks must be given to this year's organizing committee which included, David Matarasso (event chair), Ian Sherman, Jeff Gould, Jack Donohue,

Linda Kerzner, Al Macartney, Jeff Polowin, Lawrence Silber, Dianne Wilson, Anne Chartrand and Ellyn Holzman.

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Thank you also to all the hard-working and devoted SJCC and OSF volunteers who helped ensure the success of this event!



SJCC Junior Floor Hockey Champs 2000 (front row from left to right): Jacob Belfer, Elie Vered, Yosef Fried, Sammy Lesh; (middle row) Joshua Kalman, Jordan Stenzler, Matt Engel, Bucky Prizant; (back row) Coaches Gillie Vered and Harvey Belfer.

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## Silent Auction & Chinese Buffet ... back by popular demand

The Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) and Torah Academy of Ottawa are once again pleased to present the second annual *Silent Auction and Chinese Buffet* which will be held Saturday, February 3rd, 2001 beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the SJCC.

On the heels of last year's success, this year's event promises to be even bigger. The *Auction* works like a multiple raffle. You purchase tickets and place them in the box of the items you hope to win. Your chances of winning are dependent on how many other people want that particular item. You may be the only one, or one out of a hundred! Prize packages include jewelry, hotel accommodations, dining, ski passes, Senators tickets, sports equipment, shopping sprees, gift certificates and more. The

silent auction will feature signed Ottawa Senators and Ottawa 67's hockey sticks as well as jewelry and artwork.

Admission for the evening is only \$18.00 which includes a full Chinese Buffet, an \$18 raffle ticket and a great time! Once again Tom Gussman has agreed to be the Master of Ceremonies and this year's event will feature a special performance by Cantor Daniel Benlolo. Individual raffle tickets range from \$5.00 to \$25.00 with discounts on purchases of multiple tickets.

Look for the booklet with full details on the prizes and the raffle ticket prices. A tax receipt will be issued for approximately 80% of the price of each raffle ticket. For more information please call 798-9818 ext. 247.



## Exchanging bad habits for good

"The health of the soul can only be achieved after the health of the body has been achieved" - Maimonides

After many months of hard work and perseverance, two Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) Members have finally achieved their personal goals and exchanged bad habits for good.

Irene Lazarovitz was a pack a day smoker for 37 years until October 20th, 1998 when she finally kicked the habit for good. Her success was not achieved overnight and required many baby steps before she could finally feel free of cigarettes. Irene describes it as 'a monkey off her back' and feels she is now more powerful than 'the smoking' and can control 'it' as opposed to 'it' controlling her. Irene officially stopped smoking and could finally declare herself a 'reformed smoker' on October 20th, 1998. She has not touched a cigarette since that date.

She credits her success in part, due to her joining the newly built SJCC in 1998. When Irene initially joined the Centre she focussed primarily on the treadmill and the nautilus weight equipment. She found that exercise was an extremely helpful tool in helping her feel healthier and stronger and gave her the extra incentive to stay off cigarettes. In particular, the SJCC fitness/aerobics Manager, Carla Gencher and Fitness trainer, Liz Lesh, were extremely supportive and gave her many tips to help her maximize her workouts during this difficult time.

By 1999, one year after joining the Centre, Irene felt that her regular exercise routine was getting mundane and was looking for ways to vary her workout. In response to Member feedback, the Centre introduced two new



Irene Lazarovitz



Roz Labow

programs: a Powertread class and a Co-Ed Pump class. Most recently Spinning classes have been added. These new programs have added the necessary 'zest' to Irene's workout. Now that Irene has quit smoking and maintains a consistent workout routine, she feels that she is in the best shape of her life.

SJCC Member, Roz Labow has successfully beaten a different type of fight with her weight. She had tried many different diets over the years however, to her dismay nothing seemed to help her keep the weight off. Finally she found Weight Watchers, a program that suited her needs and was very easy to follow. She started this diet program in January 1999 and since that time has lost over 32 pounds.

Roz believes that the diet alone is not responsible for her success. She has combined her diet with regular exercise. She is particularly fond of the Co-Ed pump classes offered at the SJCC. She had never integrated much weight training into her exercise rou-

line until she started Co-Ed Pump. The results have been tremendous and although she has not lost any additional weight, she has gone down two dress sizes. She and a core group of women have become steady regulars of the class and look forward to it from week to week. Roz is so impressed with the SJCC facility that she has encouraged several friends to join over the past year.

Roz has recently reached her 'lifetime goal', the highest achievement of her weight loss program. She knows that she can maintain this milestone as long as she continues to exercise and practice 'mindful eating'.

Both Roz Labow and Irene Lazarovitz feel that exercise in combination with their respective weight loss and smoking cessation programs is a win-win situation. They are now confident that they have conquered their bad habits for good. They credit the SJCC's support in their endeavours and it's philosophy of assisting each individual to grow and develop both spiritually and physically.

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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

# Diane and Michael Parkins' separate and related creativities

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the notion of a couple/adviser as a constant, though initially it was happenstance. She said, "There is no salary associated with this job and the Parkins, like the other couple/advisers realize the commitment to youth has to be greater than any monetary remuneration. This philosophy ensures that the couple really loves teens, and is leading FROSTY for this reason above all others."

Mordecai Drache adds: "Diane and Michael treated us as adults. We led, and they facilitated and supported us, but they allowed us autonomy in terms of where we wished to take the group. But they also were unique role models, not typical, because Diane is a midwife and Michael is a wonderfully talented visual artist."

Back to Michael, the artist whose best agent is his wife, Diane. We tour the Parkin home and I note the recurrent theme of Adam and Eve in Michael's larger three dimensional pieces. Many of the larger works are filled with found, natural objects in keeping with Michael's concerns as a dedicated environmentalist.

Toby Brooks tells of when the Parkins first came to Ottawa and they did not have a car. "They biked from their home which was then in Centretown to the Temple. Rabbi Gerber called them the prayer and bicycle couple."

Brooks also recalls that Diane went away to study midwifery in the States when Erica was about eight and Jeremy only four. "That must have been hard on Michael and the kids but they supported Diane totally." Diane confirms this: "I was in El Paso, Texas for seven months, and that was not easy, but Michael made it seem like it was."

The two-way street of continuous support is evident as Diane shows Michael's Judaic art. A rosewood breadboard with sterling silver



CHUPPA made by family and friends for the remarriage of Diane and Michael Parkin.

hands on each end catches my attention. It is meticulously crafted - tiny screws holding the four brass feet, and etched into the silver bands are the words: *More than Israel has kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath has kept Israel.* "Michael loves writing on his work. He loves words and fine lettering." Next we look at a kiddush cup, *bareh pre hagafen* cut out on the pedestal. A pair of copper candlesticks bear the Hebrew words for a woman of valour, *ayshet hayil*.

"Michael's new work are boxes covered with a variety of different papers, Japanese and handmade papers, whatever catches his fancy. He has a theme for each box - in this one there is a bit of Judaism..."

Now we are looking at the art on the walls again - *Adam and Eve and the Song of the Heaven.* My eyes catch sight of the two photos on a nearby table. Not Adam and

Eve but Michael and Diane at a renewal life cycle event held on February 6, 1999 in Rochester's Brit Kodesh Temple. On that occasion Diane and Michael Parkin were remarried by Rabbi Don Gerber.

The Parkins were one of six couples who voluntarily chose to renew their vows. Diane asked Debra Viner's daughter, Sara, who is now 19 and studying at Concordia (a previous FROSTY member during Diane and Michael's tenure as couple/advisers) to stand under the chuppah with them and to sign their ketubah second-time-around. "It was the most incredible evening of my life," Sara told her mother when she returned to Ottawa.

Incredible, spiritual, so much a part of the greater Jewish community, and yet so very much their individual selves, the Parkins are a unique Jewish couple.



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### Weiners endow Cultural Center

Paul and Eleanor Weiner, formerly of Ottawa, were recently honoured by B'nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, Florida for their generous gift of the Eleanor and Paul Weiner Cultural Center.

When they realized the synagogue was filled to its capacity, the Weiners initiated the building of the Cultural Center which will house an addi-

tional 800 people. Designed for cultural and educational events it will be open to classes, events and synagogue-related activities.

The Weiners did more than contribute to the building; they were an integral part of its planning and design. Along with a committee, they designed a building complete with stained glass windows, which are being individually dedicated by members of the

synagogue.

The Weiners have been living in South Florida since 1973 and in Boca Raton since 1989.

### Receives law degree

Simon Gencher has successfully completed his Master of Law Degree at Osgoode Hall and is now practising law in Kitchener, Ontario. Simon is married to Alissa Williams, is the father of Samuel, and the son of Leah and Bob Gencher.

## Levitin elected association president

Ottawa-born Jordan A. Levitin has been elected president of the Professional Marketing Research Society (PMRS), one of Canada's pre-eminent professional associations.

With 1,500 members in seven chapters across the country, PMRS has been bringing together the country's pollsters and marketing researchers for over 40 years.

In his capacity as president, Levitin oversees the Society's extensive education and publications programs, keeps tabs on a range of social programs from Halifax to Vancouver, and finds the time to write a



Jordan Levitin

monthly column in the *Society* magazine.

The son of Dr. Norman and Lily Levitin of Ottawa, Jordan grew up in Alta Vista, attended Ridgemont High School and the Ottawa Modern Jewish School, and

with his family, was a visible member of the Ottawa Ski Club at Camp Fortune. He completed a BES in Urban Planning at the University of Waterloo and received an MBA at the University of Toronto.

Now living in Toronto, he is a vice-president with The NPJ Group - one of the top 10 marketing research firms in North America.

Even after 20 years "away", Jordan still considers Ottawa home and pops up for a visit as often as he can. Luckily, there is a PMRS Chapter here, giving him one more reason to come home.

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## COLUMNS

Travel with Debbie Geller

# Budapest: the Pearl of the Danube

By Debbie Geller

One of my favourite European cities is Budapest, Hungary, also known as "the City of Lights" and the "Pearl of the Danube". Most people who enjoy Vienna will like Budapest, as the flavour of the city is very similar. The restaurants will satisfy even the most dis-

cerning diner, and for history buffs, there are many places to visit.

The Danube divides the city both geographically and culturally into two parts, Buda and Pest. Recently restored, Buda is located in the hills, overlooking Pest. During medieval times, Buda consisted of four or five

longish streets, which now comprise the castle district. The area consisted of Germans, Hungarians, Italians and Jews, and later, the Turks. There were two large churches which were turned into mosques when the Turks captured Buda in 1541. There were also two synagogues, the smaller of which is now a museum.

The castle district has been destroyed several times in the past, but it has always been revived. The castle district's location is unique. In the past it provided refuge from the enemy, and today it now rises above the hustle and bustle of the city. Buda has retained its medieval features without becoming too touristy.

From Buda you have a great view of Budapest's sites, such as the Viziváros (Watertown), Margaret Bridge, Margaret Island, and of course, the Danube River. Located within the castle district are the Castle Palace, once the royal palace, the Budapest Historical Museum, the Hungarian National Gallery, the Museum of Modern History and the National Library.

Budapest is known for its graceful bridges and its thermal baths. The thermal waters come from springs or



Budapest's Holocaust Memorial

bore-holes, and for thousands of years have been reputed to have cured ailments. Before and during the First World War, the famous Gellert Baths were built and have now been incorporated into the Gellert Hotel. They were damaged during the Second World War, but have since been restored.

Other landmarks to see are the Hungarian Parliament and the City Park with its "Heroes' Square". Both are surrounded by statues of Hungarian heroes and contain much of the country's history.

I strongly suggest that you take a guided city tour, as the guides do a wonderful job of

explaining Hungary's complex historical background. The guides are government trained, and their knowledge is extensive.

One of the more interesting places to visit is the Dohany synagogue. Built in 1859, in the Moorish style, it was, at the time, Europe's largest synagogue. Interestingly, it was built in the district where Theodore Herzl was born. Although an Orthodox synagogue, it was considered blasphemous by the strictly observant Jews, as the pedals of its organs required pressing on the Sabbath. At the time, the organ was considered to be a conciliatory attempt at peaceful co-exis-

tence with the Christian community. Be sure to visit the Jewish Museum within the synagogue and the Holocaust Memorial in the courtyard.

For those looking for gastronomic pleasures in Budapest, one has only to go to Gerbeaud's Patisserie. A coffee-house in the Viennese style, it has been in operation since 1858. Many of Budapest's elite can be found there sipping coffee and sampling some of the famous pastries. The coffee-house has a very classical atmosphere and is furnished with antiques and works of art. I found it to be the perfect break after a morning of sightseeing.

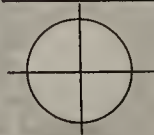


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## New York: arts provide an antidote to winter

By Rose Kleiner

New York's theatres, concerts, museums and other diversions can be the perfect antidote to winter. Families will find the city has something for children of every age, and singles will find many opportunities to meet people. A good selection of interesting kosher restaurants will also add to the enjoyment of winter in New York City.

For theatre, the comedy, *The Tide of the Allergist's Wife*, at the Barrymore Theatre, is about Marjorie Taub, an upper westsider with a midlife crisis. Neil Simon's new comedy, *The Dinner Party*, stars Henry Winkler, at the Music Box Theatre. *Rain From Heaven*, a 1934 anti-Fascist drama, has just opened at Manhattan's Theatre 3. *The Diary of Adolph Eichmann*, based on his prison memoirs, has just opened at the Jewish Theater of New York. Jake Feinberg's *Strictly Personal*, at the SoHo Playhouse, follows the ups and downs of two neighbours. Talented actress, Tovah Feldshuh, stars as the hussy Tallulah Bankhead in *Tallulah Hallelujah*, at the Douglas Fairbanks Theatre.

*Green Fields*, at the Mazer Theatre, is the revival of a musical by the Yiddish Public Theatre, about a yeshiva boy smitten by a country girl. The play is in Yiddish, but simultaneous English and Russian translation is available. Among the new plays on Broadway is the musical *Jane Eyre*, at the Atkinson Theatre, and *Seussical: The Musical*, based on the work of Dr. Seuss, at the Rodgers Theatre.

The newly opened Center for Jewish History has been showing a series of films that continue into the winter.

Along Museum Mile, on Fifth Avenue, the Guggenheim Museum is running a show titled *Amazons of the Avant-Garde*, an exhibition featuring the work of six Russian women who, in the first quarter of the twentieth century, made significant contributions to the development of modern art.

The Chaim Gross Studio Museum has highlights from the 70-year career of this artist in wood, stone, bronze and paper. The Eldridge Street Synagogue is featuring a pictorial history of working people in New York City, called *Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives*. Completed in 1887, this is the first synagogue built by Jews of Eastern Europe in the US.

Ben Shahn's *New York: The Photographer of Modern Times*, by the acclaimed painter, who was also an avid photographer of 1930's New York, runs, until January 27, at the Grey Art Gallery. Photographs by Paula Horn Kotis, *Cyprus to Haifa, 1949*, are on display at the Museum of Jewish Heritage until February 25.

The Leo Baeck Institute, now located in the Center for Jewish History, is running an exhibit, *400 Years of German-Jewish History*.

The Jewish Museum brings the cultural diversity of North Africa to its fascinating, multimedia exhibit, *Morocco: Jews and Art in a Muslim Land*. The remarkable exhibit, *Charlotte Solomon: Life? Or Theatre?* runs at the Jewish Museum through March 25.

For families the museum has Drop-in Arts and Crafts, Storytime & Gallery Talks, every Sunday afternoon, through the spring. An interactive exhibition for children and families, *Pickles and Pomegranates: Jewish Homes Near and Far*, continues through March 2001. A new addition to the museum's attractions is the

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## Art Works / Rose Ann Hoffenberg

Nancy Graves,  
*CAMELS VI, VII, AND VIII*, 1968-69,  
National Gallery of Canada

What! Camels grazing on the floor of the National Gallery? Yes, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bronfman of Montreal made a gift of two of the camels to the Gallery and the institution purchased the third soon after they were fabricated by the artist, Nancy Graves.

Bronfman said, "I have enjoyed camels since I first went to the Middle East..." and the curator Brydon Smith commented that "previous knowledge of art, and particularly of contemporary art, is not necessary to fully appreciate them."

Still, it is a shock to discover these beasts—camel-sized and in various camel-like poses—in a climate-controlled art gallery in North America, however whimsical they might appear.

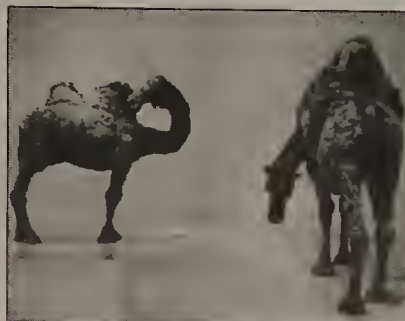
You might be surprised to know that these camels are, in fact, in their ancient stomping ground in North America. Indeed, I learned that camel bones were found in kitchen middens in Nevada and according to carbon-14 dating, they are approximately 25,000 years old.

Furthermore, I discovered that "there is reason to believe that all camels originated in North America,

not only the single-humped Arabian dromedary, which is generally admitted today to have reached its present habitat from America, but even the Bactrian two-humped camel, usually held to have originated in Asia". Their name, however, does come from the East: first known by the Sumerians as 'the mountain elephant' then given a name of its own by the Hebrews and Phoenicians as *gomal* (it is *djamel* in Arabic today).

The Gallery audience, adults and children, love these exotic animals, especially in January when they conjure up images of hot, desert sands. But are they art or do they belong in a Natural History Museum? In other words, is the artist interested in a literal taxidermal presentation, or do these camels sincerely speak of the artist's ideas and her feelings.

Graves studied carpentry for three months to learn how to make the skeleton of the animals. The constructed frame was filled out with polyurethane and burlap, then covered with real animal skins tinted with brown oil paint. Although they astonish and delight the viewer with their verism at first glance,



...are they art or do they belong in a Natural History Museum?

on close examination the viewer notices distortions as well as deliberate signs of handwork, so that the ultimate effect is strangely abstract.

The artist is questioning notions of reality and illusion as she blurs the distinction between fact and art. Graves challenges the definition of traditional art by using unconventional materials (wood, steel, burlap, polyurethane, animal skin, wax, oil paint), and inventive techniques (the sculpture is built rather

than cast or carved.)

To answer my own question, the camels do belong in the Gallery, but I would like Nancy Graves to have the last word:

*These camels do not find their organization in the real world but are the result of my experience.*

*The psychological experience of confrontation with the camel is the occasion to think about the nature of experience.*

*I cannot imagine nor perceive a camel until it is completed.*



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## COLUMNS

# Rice can be used in so many ways



## Soup to Nuts

Donna Karlin

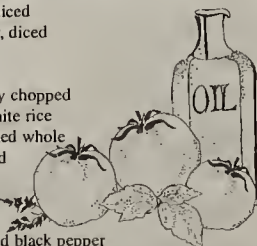
My son's favourite food is rice in any way shape or form. He loves it as a side dish or combined with leftover chicken or meat and served as a main course. So I thought it would be a good topic for my column!

Try experimenting with vegetables, bits of meat, or seasoned and cooked with broth for a creamy risotto. And don't forget the old standby ... rice pudding for dessert!

### Southern Red Rice

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 small red pepper, diced
- 1 small green pepper, diced
- 1 rib celery, diced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 cups long-grain white rice
- 2 cups crushed, canned whole tomatoes, undrained
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper

Heat the oil in a heavy bottomed saucepan. Add peppers,



celery, onion and garlic and cook for about 4 minutes. Add the rice and stir, making sure to coat it well with the oil and vegetable mixture. Stir in tomatoes, tomato paste, water, salt, pepper and cayenne. Cover and simmer until rice is tender and all liquid has been absorbed. Serves 6.

### Sun Dried Tomato Risotto

- 1 oz. sun dried tomatoes
- 1 cup water
- 2 1/2 cups pareve chicken broth
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup arborio or short grain rice
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan

In a small saucepan, simmer sun dried tomatoes in water for about 1 minute. Remove tomatoes with slotted spoon (reserving the liquid) and chop the tomatoes. To the reserved tomato liquid, add broth and bring to a low simmer.

In a larger saucepan, cook onion and garlic in olive oil on medium low heat until they are soft. Add the rice and stir well to coat with oil mixture. Add the chopped tomatoes. Add half a cup of the simmering broth mixture and cook until it's absorbed. Continue adding liquid in half cup amounts and cook until each addition is absorbed.

Cook in this manner until rice is al dente, which should be about 18 minutes total. Stir in Parmesan, salt and pepper to taste and serve immediately. Serves 4.

### Wild Mushroom Risotto

- 6 cups pareve chicken stock
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 yellow onion, peeled and minced

- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups round short grain rice
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 lb assorted mushrooms, Cremini, Oyster, Shiitake, Portobello
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Wipe mushrooms clean with damp paper towel or mushroom brush. Do not immerse in water. Pour chicken broth into a medium saucepan and bring to a simmer.

Cut mushrooms into slices, depending on their size. Keep them separate as some will cook faster than others. Set aside.

Heat butter in a large pot until it gets foamy. Add onion, salt and pepper and cook until onion softens, about 5 minutes. Add the rice and stir well to coat with mixture. Cook 5 minutes until rice begins to get opaque. Add wine and cook until absorbed.

Lower heat to low and add 1/2 cup of stock and cook until absorbed. Continue in this manner until all but 1/2 cup of the stock has been added and rice is al dente.

In the meantime, in a non stick frying pan, heat some olive oil, add one type of mushroom, season with salt and pepper and cook until browned. Add some garlic, and cook about 1 more minute to combine flavours. Remove from pan and repeat with the next type of mushroom.

When rice is al dente and mushrooms are all cooked, combine the two. Add the remaining half cup of the broth and the Parmesan cheese and cook a few more minutes until creamy and cheese has melted. Serve immediately. Serves 4.



## New York: arts provide an antidote to winter

(Continued from page 21)

Children's Audio Guide to the permanent exhibition. This 'just for kids' guide is free of charge.

*Living in the Moment: Contemporary Artists Celebrate Jewish Time*, is a display of new works of Jewish ceremonial art at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

What to hear in New York? Anything from klezmer to opera. Andy Statman, master clarinetist and mandolinist, performs the music of the Jewish mystics, on Thursdays, at the Greenwich Village Syn-

agogue, at 8 pm.

The Metropolitan Opera, at Lincoln Center, lists among its winter season operas *Il Trovatore*, *Fidelio*, *The Gambler*, *The Merry Widow* and *Carmen*, to name but a few.

For kosher dining New York can't be beat. Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Moroccan, steak houses, deli, dairy, elegant, casual, strictly kosher restaurants can all be found in Manhattan.

For singles there are programs in all the major synagogues and community centres. The 92nd Street Y has a large variety of programs for singles, as well

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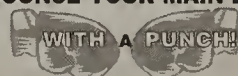
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### Just Right

#### The Story of a Jewish Home

By Ellen Emerman

Illustrated by Sarah Kranz  
Hachai Publishing 1999

Unpaged Ages 4 - 6

When I read the title, *Just Right, The Story of a Jewish Home*, I assumed this book would be another pedantic presentation of religious items found in a Jewish home. I have read, and chosen not to review, too many books of that sort over the years. I was wrong.

Although *Just Right* does list such items, it does so with a charming sense of adventure, fun and realism as Rivkie, the youngest child in an orthodox family, helps her Abba, Mommy, two sisters and brother convert their new, empty house into a happy Jewish home.

The moving van has arrived. Unpacking is about to start. And Rivkie is on the lookout for the things that will help her feel at home, starting with her dolls and crayons. After a lot of work Mommy announces, "Everything is just right." Rivkie disagrees.

Something is missing, she says again and again, initiating a treasure hunt to find the missing objects and put them in their proper places – Shabbat candlesticks, Jewish hooks, dairy and meat stickers, tzedakah boxes, Chanukah menorahs, and finally, the mezuzahs.

Adding to the stealth learning in this playful, moving day story are 13 Hebrew words, explained in a glossary at the end. Bright full colour illustrations depict a

busy, loving family, with sly hits of added humour in a few. *Just Right* for young readers, especially those on the move.

*Come, Let Us Be Joyful!*

*The Story of Hava Nagila*

By Fran Manushkin

Illustrated by Rosalind Chamey Kaye  
UAHC Press 2000

Unpaged Ages 5 - 12

Did you know that two men, Moshe Nathanson and A.Z. Idelsohn, each claimed to have written the lyrics to *Hava Nagila*? Fortunately that minor technicality didn't stop Fran Manushkin from writing her delightfully exuberant, often verbally humorous, story, *Come, Let Us Be Joyful! The Story of Hava Nagila*.

Her solution to the dispute? Solomonic. She credits a young Moshe Nathanson with writing the lyrics to an upbeat tempo. But his music teacher, none other than good old A.Z. Idelsohn, was the catalyst. So, in a way, they collaborated.

Manushkin begins and ends her story in a spiritual, almost mystical, fashion by linking the story of *Hava Nagila* to the Jewish expulsion from the Holy Land, the age-old dream of return, its reality in *Aliyah Aleph* and *Bet*, and culminating in the 1948 declaration of the State of Israel.

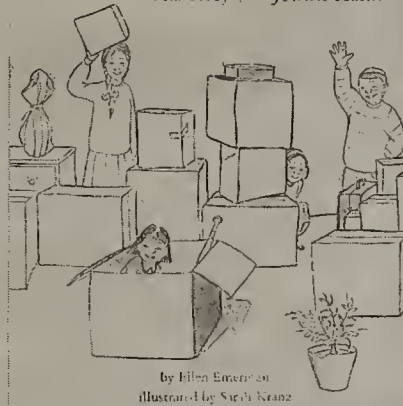
According to Manushkin's story, *Hava Nagila* began as a wistful, haunting nigun, a song without words, that, about a hundred years ago, brought comfort to impoverished East European Jews as they trudged on *aliyah* to Jerusalem and began the difficult task of resettling the city.

Sometime later, in Jerusalem, Professor A. Z. Idelsohn, a music teacher and song collector, heard the tune and found it so hauntingly beautiful he couldn't get it out of his head. He sang it to his class.

Eleven-year-old Moshe Nathanson was captivated. He hummed and whistled the melody wherever he went, faster and faster to keep up with his quick, lively steps. Within a week Moshe had written the simple, joyous words: "*Hava Nagila ... V'nism'chah*." "Come let us be joyful and let our happiness overflow!"

## Just Right

The Story of a Jewish Home



by Ellen Emerman  
illustrated by Sarah Kranz

From *Just Right*

The song was an instant hit. "Soon no wedding was complete without *Hava Nagila* and a happy hora." And as we know from newsreels of the time, when the State of Israel was proclaimed, *Hava Nagila* was sung throughout the country and continues to be sung there and around the world to this day.

Rosalind Chamey Kaye's impressionistic-style full colour illustrations beautifully enhance the story's development and the fun of the storytelling. Words and music, and a brief biography of Moshe Nathanson, are bonuses.

In sum, *Come, Let Us Be Joyful!* is a lively tribute to a beloved song that has become so much identified with Israel and the Jewish people that it's hard to believe it isn't part of our long folk tradition.



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## COLUMNS

# Are we too quick to judge?

It was the headline that drew me to the article. It read "He destroyed me as a person". What could that possibly be about? I skimmed the first few paragraphs, anxious to get into the main part of the story.

By the time I had worked my way through the first column, I had read a disturbing, shocking account of how a pedophile had almost driven a young boy to suicide and even murder. The young boy, now a 59-year-old father of three grown children, had kept silent for four decades about the abuse he had endured until he could overcome the shame and anger.

The abuse had lasted for ten years. The perpetrator, now 71 years old, had gone on to other young victims, the most recent within the last year. He had even been handed a suspended sentence back in 1984 for luring eight 11- and 12-year-old boys to his apartment to watch pornographic videos.

When I got to the second column of the story, I gasped and momentarily stopped reading. It was there that the reporter noted how the victim had gone on to have a successful career in the federal public service, in competition law and policy, despite the abuse he had endured.

Wait a minute, I thought. I used to work in that bureau when I first arrived in Ottawa back in the early '70s. Only then did I look at the accompanying photo where I saw a head-shot of a now grey-haired man who looked vaguely familiar. I started to re-read the article, to check for any facts I may have missed on my rapid first read through, including the name of the victim.

There it was, right in the first paragraph, which I had scanned in my haste to get into the article. Oh my gosh. It was a former colleague, somebody I had worked with quite closely for several months on a complex project that had

taken us to the executive offices of corporate Canada in Toronto and other cities.

We were part of a team that had been put together to investigate a serious issue in a major sector of the economy.

"M", as I will refer to him, was one of our leaders. A leader, but one of the boys as well, joking, planning and playing pranks, never reluctant to go out for a few hours of socializing. M was also one tough investigator, analytical, critical, and most importantly, extremely intelligent. A nice guy too, at least most of the time.

Other times, he wasn't so nice. M had a temper, which would sometimes explode for reasons I couldn't understand. He also had a reputation for causing trouble for people, but doing so in a way that would ensure that the blame could never be traced directly back to him. When something underhanded happened to me, another colleague (who had had similar problems in the past) suggested that M was at fault, but said that he wasn't free to elaborate. Although we always got along on the surface, even after I moved on to another job, I was always quite puzzled about that very strange underside of M's character.

At least, I was puzzled until I read that story in *The Citizen*, about the secret that was obviously tearing M's insides apart.

Our sages tell us that we should never rush to judge people unfavourably, even when they appear to us to be acting inappropriately. One reason is that we might be entirely wrong, because things aren't always what they seem. Another reason is that we might not understand what's going on in their lives, and the things that motivate them to act the way they do. That's why our sages tell us we must investigate situations comprehensively before we reach any



## How I see it

Bob Dale

conclusions about people's motives and actions. Even then, we are obligated to do everything in our power to look at people and their actions in a favourable way.

Twenty-five years later, I remember my first federal workplace with a lot of fondness. It was a bureau with a challenging and often frustrating mandate, partially caused by legislation that I felt didn't go far enough. Even then, the work was anything but dull. It was a great training ground for the work I did after I left.

Most of the people I worked with at that job are no longer there. Many have gone on to other jobs, and an increasing number are retiring. A few have died, two in tragic circumstances at an early age. Some are still there, and have become the "seasoned departmental experts" I used to look up to.

Then there is M. Several years ago, a friend told me that M had recently completed a project for his consulting firm. That's the last time I had heard about him, until I saw the story in *The Citizen*. After reading it, I had a better idea about why M acted the way he did when I knew him way back then.

I also knew how much courage M must have had to break 40 years of silence about the loathsome character who had affected his life so horribly so very long ago. And I knew how rash I had been in judging M as harshly as I did.

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## BOOK REVIEW

# A revolutionary approach to Bible studies

*The Bible without Theology*  
By Robert A. Oden Jr.  
University of Illinois Press.  
198 pp. Paperback. \$14.95

Among the most startling and provocative things about this feisty volume is that it is authored by the president of Kenyan College. That is something to conjure with – a university president who actually has time to sit down and compose a scholarly tome which, despite its serious flaws, merits respectful scrutiny.

Oden begins his discussion of the Bible, particularly its Hebrew incarnation, with a reference to Thomas Kuhn's famous *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, a book which argued that progress in science is not incremental but comes about by radical paradigm shifts, that is to say, revolutions.

The author uses this as a template to mould his own revolutionary approach to biblical studies. But before doing this, he surveys the theological foothills by showing that the highly influential German-Protestant scholars of the 19th century invested their interpretations of Hebrew Scripture – and especially the prophets – with a built-in theological bias.

That bias, despite their efforts to mask it in its "historical-critical" modes, was merely a more sophisticated expression of Christian triumphalism in which the "Old Testament" was seen to be a less refined version of New Testamental truths. In this

latter domain the voice of the individualized prophetic spirit reigned supreme.

Oden is disquieted by the enormous reputation enjoyed by those 19th century critics such as Wellhausen, Gressman, von Rad, Eichhorn, Gunkel (the Scottish scholar William Robertson Smith makes it into the charmed circle as well) because they left their theological mark on the biblical exegesis of the 20th century as well.

It should be made clear that the author's dissent flows not from the "higher criticism" of the Bible with which many of the above names were associated (what Solomon Schechter called the school that engaged in the "brutal vivisection" of the Torah) but with their attempt to represent their theories as objective forays into biblical history: Oden sees their fingers on the scales everywhere, pushing theological agendas.

Oden wants to introduce Kuhn's "paradigm shift" into our reading of the Hebrew Bible but before initiating this task, he cites older interpretations of Biblical myths with the current structuralist approaches. His conclusion after this comparison is that traditional Christian Bible specialists, while aware of the presence of myth textures in Scripture, always stress the superiority of the way in which the Hebrew Bible presented, reduced and refined their essence to promote a Hebraic vision of the universe.

## Reviewed by Arnold Ages

After preparing the groundwork survey, Oden moves on to cite three passages from the Torah in order to invite the reader to entertain the possibility of reading texts without the heavy burden of traditional Christian or Jewish haggage. Oden obviously doesn't like the Jewish approach to Torah – in which each text is accompanied by a Rashi or some other venerable commentator – because that loads exegesis with theological colourings. Oden wants the Bible free of theological resonance.

The three texts which the author examines are fascinating vignettes into Oden's methodology. However his treatment, far from demonstrating the possibility of a non theological approach, merely replaces one mode of interpretation with another: theology gives way here to naturalism. In this case, Oden uses the apparatus of modern theories in anthropology, comparative religion and other interpretive tropes to show that God's clothing of Adam and Eve (prior to their expulsion from the Garden of Eden), Jacob's paramountcy as the progenitor of the twelve tribes and – the condemnation of sacred prostitution – can be understood better without recourse to theological nuances.

Thus Genesis's account of the clothing given to Adam and Eve has been interpreted as a gracious gesture on God's part towards his erring children. Oden dismisses this

as a theological intervention. The real reason, he says, after synthesizing diverse modern theories, is that God's act is designed to demarcate the boundary between the human and the divine and to emphasize that difference. Oden is a theologian in his own right but refuses to use that term.

On the primacy of Jacob's role as the progenitor of the tribes of Israel, Oden asks some good questions. Why, for example, is Jacob chosen for that role and not the other patriarchs and their children. Oden delves deeply into structuralist literature and studies of kinship and comes to the conclusion that Jacob is chosen to be the eponymous father of Israel because he was engaged in a cross-cousin marriage, which according to Levi-Strauss and his school, is the optimum marriage bond.

This is an interesting theory but it abuts one fact that

Oden seems to ignore in unfolding his elaborate theories of kinship. Not all of Jacob's children came from Rachel and Leah. The inconvenient fact is that the "pilgrimage", the concubines of Jacob, also contributed their share to the tribal confederation. Oden's non theological explanation of Jacob's election to father the Israelite nation really explains nothing.

As to the condemnation of cultic prostitution in the Pentateuch found in the latter part of this essay, Oden takes a refreshing look at the materials outside the Hebrew Bible where this activity is reported. After digesting the ancient Greek and Roman historians, Oden comes to the conclusion that there is no real basis in the ancient

sources to the Hebrew Bible's assertion through inference that such rites were an integral part of antiquity. The author suggests that the Hebrew Bible's condemnation of cultic prostitution was an attempt to differentiate Israel from surrounding cultures by emphasizing a fictitious difference. Here ancient Israel was exploiting the "them against us syndrome."

Oden's learned treatment of the theological traditions inherent in Bible criticism has much to recommend itself. Not everything good in this provocative volume is new and that which is new is not necessarily good. Oden does ask a lot of solid questions and as Northrop Frye once remarked, this will permit us to ask even better questions.

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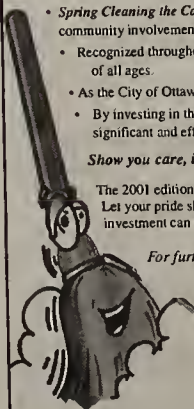


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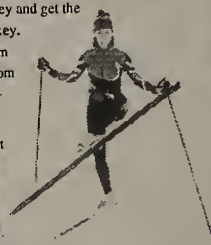
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## "Reading the details" convinces couple to support Gilbert Greenberg Education Fund

By Estelle Melzer

Bruce and Lisa Fischer recently purchased a life insurance policy for \$100,000, naming the Gilbert Greenberg Education Fund as beneficiary. "It was my husband, Bruce, who got us involved," explained Lisa Fischer. "One receives lots of literature about different programs, but my husband is good at actually reading the details. He read the details about the Gilbert Greenberg Fund and thought that this was too good to ignore. For really a very good cause with a major gift."

"I thought Foundations are for the wealthy to distribute their wealth but here is something we can participate in in a significant way," she explained.

Proceeds from the Fischers' joint policy will, someday, help ensure affordable Jewish education for future generations of children in the Ottawa Jewish community.

The Fischers have two daughters, Nikki, 14, who recently graduated from Hillel Academy and Tess, 10, who is currently in Grade 5. "We believe in Jewish education," Lisa explained. "We think it's very important for Jewish continuity. If we can help make it possible for some children, many years from now, to attend Hebrew school, I feel that's such a concrete way to help ensure the continuity of our community."

The Gilbert Greenberg Education Fund (GGEF) was recently established through the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation with the goal of assisting in providing affordable Jewish education for every child in our community. All capital in the fund will be held in perpetuity with the net income allocated annually to provide scholarship funding for children attending accredited Jewish schools in the Ottawa area.

It was named in honour of the late Gilbert Greenberg, one of our community's great benefactors, who believed that Jewish education is the cornerstone of a strong Jewish community and should be the birthright of every child in this community.

It was established with the backing of all the winners of the Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award. It was launched with a major gift by an anonymous group of donors. Gilbert Greenberg's family gave their blessing and their support. Greenberg's son, Roger, and his nephew, Daniel

Greenberg, together with their spouses, Cindy and Barbara, helped build the fund for the future by purchasing one million dollar insurance policies which designate the GGEF as beneficiary. Doris Bronstein, a long-time educator in our community and current principal of Hillel Academy, and Liney Bronstein agreed to co-chair the committee promoting the fund.

"Support from community leaders is very gratifying," Liney exclaimed, "but the GGEF will fulfil its goal only if it gets support from today's young Jewish families."

"Our plan is to build the fund through the vehicle of life insurance policies," he explained. "In the next few years, we hope to convince 100 to 200 young couples to purchase \$100,000 life insurance policies with the GGEF as beneficiary." A number of young couples have already told the Bronsteins they want to support the GGEF and are purchasing policies.

The Bronsteins are targeting younger couples because, for them, a joint life insurance policy is very affordable. To make it even more affordable the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation offers a supplement of up to \$300 annually to families who wish to participate in the GGEF life insurance program.

For a couple aged 40 and under, a joint life insurance policy for \$100,000 can be purchased with annual payments as low as \$319, tax deductible. Thus, with the aid of the Foundation's annual \$300 supplement, a young couple could leave a legacy of \$100,000 for Jewish education through an annual contribution as low as \$19, tax deductible! As well, an endowment fund will immediately be set up in their name to which contributions can be made at any time through the Foundation's donation card program.

"Just think about it," Liney Bronstein enthused. "For the price of two movie tickets a year, a young couple could leave \$100,000 to support Jewish education in this community forever."

"The GGEF is a wonderful way for any young family to create a lasting legacy. We hope that every young family will want to be part of it," Doris Bronstein concluded.

For more information about how you can participate in the GGEF, please call the Bronsteins at 723-7807.

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Wishing Muriel Kardish a ru'ah sh'lemah by Dorothy and Hy Hymes.

## JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Karen and John Jackson.

## ETHYLE AND LAWRENCE KAPPELLER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Ethyle Kapeller by Leya and David Aronson, Moshe and Brenda Bessin, Bert and Maxine Bessin and Hershel and Rachel Bessin.

## MAX AND DORA KAPINSKY KARP MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Ida Yochalash by Ruth Karp and family; and by Maureen and Dorothy Kerp.

## ABRAHAM AND TZIPORA KARDASH MEMORIAL FUND

Wishing Muriel Kardish a ru'ah sh'lemah by Rose and Chick Taylor.

In memory of Abie Zinman by Rose and Chick Taylor.

In memory of Dorothy Loeb by Rose and Chick Taylor.

## DAVID "THE BEAR" KARDASH

CAMP NAI BRITH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Sam Fisher by Rose and Kevin Kardash.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear friend David "The Bear" Kardash by Richard and Rhonda Wasserman and family, and by Julie Edelstein.

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### PHILLIP AND ETTIE KIMMEL MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Stan Kimmel and Carol Spiro.

In memory of Ben Baylin by Stan Kimmel and Carol Spiro.

### KLAIMAN - FINE FAMILY FUND

Mazal Tov to Donna Klaiman and Jeffrey Fine on their marriage by Ruth Goldberg.

In honour of Eric Wilner's special birthday by the Klaimans and the Fines.

In honour of the marriage of Donna Klaiman and Jeffrey Fine by Rose-Anne and Harry Prizant and family.

### KOFFMAN/BLOOM FAMILIES ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Louise Wolfe a ru'ah sh'lemah by Anne and Al Bloom.

### SHARON KOFFMAN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Anne Feldman Tishman by Sandra and Jimmy Zagon.

Wishing Mark Resnick good luck in his new office by Sandra and Jimmy Zagon.

In memory of Patricia Hayes' mother by Sandra and Jimmy Zagon.

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Sandra and Jimmy Zagon.

In memory of Frances Schwartz by Sandra and Jimmy Zagon.

In memory of Ben Baylin by Fay and Barry Koffman and Sandra and Jimmy Zagon.

### KRANTZBERG KRANE ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

Best wishes to Fred Schlessinger for a ru'ah sh'lemah by Evelyn Krane.

Best wishes to Justin Krane on his Bar Mitzvah by Jessie and Jim Laing.

### RIVA AND ABRAHAM KROLL MEMORIAL FUND

Belated best wishes to Edie Litwick on her birthday by Ellen Litwick.

### SAMUEL AND IRENE KRONICK ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Fella Cook by Joan and Russell Kronick.

### ISSIE AND EDITH LANOAU ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Mark Zunder a ru'ah sh'lemah by Edie Landau.

Wishing Frank Shacker happy holidays and continued good health by Edie Landau.

### LANDAU/GOLDMAN FAMILY FUND

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Michael Landau and Faye Goldman and family.

In memory of Eli Ozer by Michael Landau and Faye Goldman and family.

### LILY AND MORRIS LANG ENDOWMENT FUND

In honour of our wedding anniversary by Lil and Morris Lang.

### HARRY LEIKIN MEMORIAL FUND

With appreciation to Len Farber by the Glube and Reichlein families.

Best wishes to Adam Harris on his 38<sup>th</sup> birthday by aunt Libby and uncle Stan Katz.

Mazal Tov to Bertha Palmer on her special birthday by Libby and Stan Katz.

### NORMAN AND ISABEL LESH ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Fred and Judie Ross on the birth of their grandson by Norman and Isabel Lesh.

In memory of Libby Kardash by Norman and Isabel Lesh.

Mazal Tov to Linda, Warren, Jacob and Michael Melamed in their new home by Isabel and Norman Lesh.

Mazal Tov to Cary and Annie Polowin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Aaron Yaacov by Isabel and Norman Lesh.

### HUGO AND RUTH DAVIS LEVENDEL MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Margaret and Morris Zbar on the engagement of their son David by Diane Koven, Jeremy and Zahava.

### BEN AND SHIRLEY LEVIN ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Fella Cook by Harold and Shelly Levin and family.

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Harold and Shelly Levin, Shawna and Zoe.

### SANDRA AND JACIE LEVINSON ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Saul Goldfarb a speedy recovery by Sandra and Jacie Levinson.

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Sandra and Jacie Levinson.

Wishing Harvey Glatt a speedy recovery by Sandra and Jacie Levinson.

In memory of Fella Cook by Jacie and Sandra Levinson.

In memory of Yetta Bigler by Jacie and Sandra Levinson.

Wishing Mark Zunder a ru'ah sh'lemah by Jacie and Sandra Levinson.

Best wishes to David and Pearl Moskovic on their special birthdays by Sandra and Jacie Levinson.

### NATHAN AND LAURIE LEVITIN MEMORIAL FUND

Best wishes to Max Lief on his special birthday by Miriam Levitin.

### ERNEST AND IDA LEVITZ MEMORIAL FUND

Best wishes to Gerald Levitz on his special birthday by Leonard and Nancy Koffman; by Zelaine and Sol Shinder; by Oodo and Liney Bronstein; by Stuart Levine; by Joan and Russell Kronick; by Jocelyne and Stephen Greenberg; by Bill and Jane James; by Irwin, Nancy, Melanie and Robert Fried; by Alyce and Allan Baker; by Rona Shaffran-Tannenbaum and Brian Tannenbaum; by Roz and Steve Fremeth; by Josie and Gerry Posen; by Ed and Betty Rose; by Ian and Randi Sherman; and by Ricki and Barry Baker.

In memory of Marten Brodsky's mother by Ingrid and Gerry Levitz.

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Ingrid and Gerry Levitz.

JOSEPH AND JEAN LICHTENSTEIN ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Able Zinman by Howard and Barbara Geller and family.

In memory of Ben Baylin by Howard and Barbara Geller and family.

JOSEPH AND EVELYN LIEFF ENOWMENT FUND

In memory of Anne Tishman by Francene and Norman Lief and family.

In memory of Fella Cook by Francene and Norman Lief and family; and by Evelyn and Joseph Lief.

Best wishes to Phyllis and Marvin Silverman on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Evelyn and Joseph Lief.

Mazal Tov to Beverly and Herb Hymes-Vandermeulen on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Arieh by Francene and Norman Lief and family.

Wishing Anne Bloom a speedy recovery by Evelyn and Joseph Lief.

ARNOLD AND ROSE LITWICK MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of our beloved mother and grandmother Rose Litwick by Yvonne and Harvey Litwick and family.

Happy birthday wishes to Yvonne Litwick by Harvey Litwick and family.

IDA AND SIDNEY LITWICK ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Sarah Max by Ida and Sidney Litwick.

IRVING AND ELLEN LITWICK ENDOWMENT FUND

Best wishes to Vicki and Earle Weiss for a happy wedding anniversary by Yvonne and Harvey Litwick and family.

JACK AND DORA LITWACK MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of our dear father and Zaidy, Jack Litwack, 6 Kislev, by Sam and Dora Litwack and family.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of our dear mother and Bubbie, Dora Litwack, 12 Tevet, by Sam and Dora Litwack and family.

NORMAN AND AMELIA LOEB ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Dorothy Loeb by Ben and Marjorie Achbar.

MARION AND SHLOMO MAYMAN ENOWMENT FUND

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Marion and Shlomo Mayman.

In memory of Libby Kardash by Marion and Shlomo Mayman.

Mazal Tov to Gerry Levitz on his special birthday by Marion and Shlomo Mayman.

NORMAN MIRSKY MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Sarah Max by Anne Mirsky.

JACK AND HONEY MONSON ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Delidre Plumer on her special birthday by Honey and Jack Baylin; and by Sally Taller and Max Zelikovitz.

PEARL AND DAVID MOSKOVIC ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Mark Zunder a ru'ah sh'lemah by David and Pearl Moskovic.

Best wishes to David and Pearl Moskovic on their special birthdays by Marilyn and William Newman; and by Ira and Francine Birns, Benjamin and Blake.

Mazal Tov to Diana and Alvin Malomet on the birth of their granddaughter by Pearl and David Moskovic.

Mazal Tov to Thea and Marlin Ginsburg in their new home by Pearl and David Moskovic.

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Pearl and David Moskovic.

In memory of Libby Kardash by Pearl and David Moskovic.

ELLEN, SHARON, LAWRENCE AND LYNOA NADOLNY FAMILIES FUND

Wishing Dr. David Feldman well by Ellen and Ron Chemei and family.

In memory of Anne Tishman by Ellen and Ron Chemei and family.

In memory of Fella Cook by Ellen and Ron Chemei and family.

JEAN AND MAX NAEMARK ENDOWMENT FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear father-in-law and grandfather Sam Naemark by Jean Naemark and family.

KURT AND JOAN ORLIK FAMILY FUND

In memory of Simon Bitten's father by Joel and Amy Orlik.

OTTAWA MODERN JEWISH SCHOOL FUND

In memory of Bessie Anne Silverman by Diana, Len, Joel and Jennifer Herin.

OTTAWA POST JEWISH WAR VETERANS FUND

Wishing Mark Zunder a speedy recovery by Tootsie and Amie Greenberg.

ABE AND BERTHA PALMER ENDOWMENT FUND

Best wishes to Bertha Palmer on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by Ivan, Fran and Carly Kesler.

MARTIN GLATT PARLIAMENT LOOGE B'NAI BRITH PAST PRESIDENTS' FUND

Belated best wishes to Russell Glatt on his birthday by Rose Sherman.

Wishing Harvey Glatt a ru'ah sh'lemah by Rose Sherman.

Best wishes to Linda Laplanie on her retirement by Rose Sherman.

JOSEPH AND MIRIAM PETIGORSKY MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear father Oscar Petigorsky by Minna Petigorsky and Sam Petigorsky.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear sister Annie Petigorsky by Lena Schechter.

JACK AND MIRIAM PLEET ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Anne Bloom a ru'ah sh'lemah by Jack and Miriam Pleet.

NORMAN AND EVELYN POTECHIN ENDOWMENT FUND

Best wishes to Judy Wolfe on her birthday by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

In memory of Sarah Max by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

Best wishes to Darlah and Norman Potechin on their wedding anniversary by aunt Evelyn and uncle Norman Potechin.

Mazal Tov to Agnes Potechin on her birthday by aunt Evelyn and uncle Norman Potechin.

Mazal Tov to Laurie Gordon on her birthday by aunt Evelyn and uncle Norman Potechin.

Mazal Tov to Sharmen Potechin on her birthday by aunt Evelyn and uncle Norman Potechin.

In memory of Libby Kardash by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

Best wishes to Mary Potechin on her birthday by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

HERMAN AND ZELDA ROODMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Sarah Max by Herman and Penny Roodman.

SHELLEY AND SID ROTHMAN FAMILY FUND

Mazal Tov to Mome and Helen Eisen on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Mark Kostlove by Shelley and Sid Rothman and family.

MERIDA SACHS MEMORIAL FUND

Best wishes to Or, Harold Sachs on his special birthday by Elisav, Avraham, Michally and Daniel Iny; by Gail Delahunt; and by Christy A. Smith.

RUTH SADAVA MEMORIAL FUND

Wishing Sandra and Jacie Levinson continued good health by William Bloom.

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## HELEN AND ROY SAIGE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Ida Levitz by Marcia Saige.  
In memory of Yetta Bigler by Marcia Saige.  
Best wishes to Bess and Casey Swedlove on their 60th wedding anniversary by Helen Saige.

## DR. AND MRS. NATHAN SCHECHTER ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Tesse Schechter by Leya and David Aronson, Moshe and Brenda Bessin, Bert and Maxine Bessin and Hershel and Rachael Bessin.

## SYD AND SHIRLEY SCHECHTER ENDOWMENT FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear sister Sheindal (Sadie) Kahn by Syd and Shirley Schechter.  
In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear sister Rifka (Rebecca) Gelman by Syd and Shirley Schechter.  
In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear father Eliezer Schechter by Syd and Shirley Schechter.

## CLARE AND MAURICE SCHWARTZ FUND

Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brill on their special wedding anniversary by Julia Schwartz and Gilbert Bismuth.  
Mazal Tov to Bess and Casey Swedlove on their special wedding anniversary by Julia Schwartz and Gilbert Bismuth; and by Clare Schwartz and David Kronick.  
In memory of Dorothy Loeb by Clare Schwartz and David Kronick.  
In memory of Ruth Bazil by Julia Schwartz and Gilbert Bismuth.

## VERA AND SAM SCHWARTZ FAMILY FUND

In memory of Able Zinman by Ruth and Ron Levitan; and by Eleanor and Jack Mintz.  
In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Eleanor and Jack Mintz.

## MAURICE AND GOLDIE SHABINSKY MEMORIAL FUND

Best wishes to Bob Landau on his special birthday by Gloria and Barry Trainoff and family.

## ABRAHAM AND MARY SHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear father Abraham Shaffer by Sheldon and Sonia Shaffer.

## HAROLD SHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND

Congratulations to Jayson Shaffer on receiving his M.A. degree by Dorothy and Mom Frances Shaffer.

## NELLIE AND ABE SHAPIRO MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Michael and Sandy Shaver on the birth of their granddaughter by Carol-Sue and Jack Shapiro.  
Mazal Tov to Jeannette and Arnold Finkelstein on the birth of their grandson by Carol-Sue and Jack Shapiro.

## SYLVIA AND HARRY SHERMAN MEMORIAL FUND

Wishing Mark Zunder a speedy recovery by Barbara and Sy Gutmajer.  
Wishing Paul Custoren a speedy recovery by Barbara and Sy Gutmajer.  
In memory of Dorothy Loeb by Louis Sharnan.

## CECIL AND FLORENCE SHINDER ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Minnie Greenberg on her special birthday by Flomie Shinder.

## HARRY AND SYLVIA SHINDER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Fella Cook by Audrey and Irwin Kreisman, Sarah, Anielle and Joshua.  
Best wishes to Magdolna Krauss on her 90th birthday by Ethel and David Malek and family.  
Mazal Tov to Ethel and David Malek on the birth of their granddaughter Jessica Ilana Malek by Edie Landau.

## ISRAEL AND JENNIE SHINDER ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Bella Zelikow by Jack Shinder and Yaffa Greenbaum.

## BESSIE AND ABRAHAM SHUSTER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Miriam Zipes by Earl and Bruna Cooperman.  
In memory of Lisa Brown by Earl and Bruna Cooperman.  
In memory of Libby Kardash by Earl and Bruna Cooperman.

## IRV AND ELAINE SINGER ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Irv and Elaine Singer.  
In memory of Beanie by Irv and Elaine Singer.  
In memory of Bobbie Stein by Irv and Elaine Singer.

## LINDA SILVERMAN MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Phyllis and Marvin Silverman on their 50th wedding anniversary by Clair and Julius Krantzberg; and by Alvin and Diana Malomet.

## LOUIS AND STELLA SLACK MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bessie Anne Silverman by Myra Aronson.  
In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

In memory of Able Zinman by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

Mazal Tov to Alyce and Allan Baker on their wedding anniversary by Myra and Lester Aronson.

Mazal Tov to Myra and Lester Aronson on their 30th wedding anniversary by Stuart Levine; by Judi and Elliot Hoffman; by Ricki and Barry Baker; by Alyce and Allan Baker; and by Barbara and Len Farber, Steven and Michael.

Mazal Tov to Gerry Levitz on his special birthday by Myra and Lester Aronson.

## JACK AND LINDA SMITH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Dr. Israel Hirsh Shtem by Leiba, Robert, Daniel and Lianna Krantzberg.

In memory of Yetta Bigler by Leiba, Robert, Daniel and Lianna Krantzberg.

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Leiba, Robert, Daniel and Lianna Krantzberg.

Thinking of Stephen Silver and wishing him well by Creative Koshier Catering by Jack Smith.

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Creative Koshier Catering by Jack Smith.

Wishing Jayme Wyllie a speedy recovery by Leiba and Robert Krantzberg and family.

In memory of Ben Baylin by Creative Koshier Catering by Jack Smith.

In memory of Libby Kardash by Creative Koshier Catering by Jack Smith.

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Leiba and Robert Krantzberg and family.

In memory of Abie Zinman by Leiba and Robert Krantzberg and family.

In memory of Ben Baylin by Leiba and Robert Krantzberg and family.

Mazal Tov to Nathan Smith on his 40th birthday by Leiba and Robert Krantzberg and family; by Clair and Julius Krantzberg; and by Ian, Glenda, Benjie and Adam Garono.

Mazal Tov to Moishe Smith on his 50th birthday by Leiba and Robert Krantzberg and family; by Clair and Julius Krantzberg; and by Ian, Glenda, Benjie and Adam Garono.

Best wishes to Steve Eller on his birthday by Leiba and Robert Krantzberg and family.

## SOLOWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Fella Cook by Cindri and Mark Resnick and family.

In memory of Miriam Zipes by the Board and Staff of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

Wishing Mark Zunder a ruah shlemah by Randi, Ian, Jonathan, Matthew and Adam Sherman.

## SOLOWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUND

Mazal Tov to Miriam, Mario, Samuel and Madeleine Berke on the birth of their daughter and sister Abigail by Jennie, Jason and Jonah Shinder.

Mazal Tov to Miriam, Mario, Samuel and Madeleine Berke on the birth of their daughter and sister Isabel by Jennie, Jason and Jonah Shinder.

Best wishes to Sydney Kardish on her birthday by her friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Lauren Rapp on her birthday by her friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Jared Roth on his birthday by his friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Thomas Friedlich on his birthday by his friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Hanna Sanders on her birthday by her friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Olivia Greenberg on her birthday by her friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Hannah Luden on her birthday by her friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Elana Fogel on her birthday by her friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Alec Sellers on her birthday by her friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Meera Landau on her birthday by her friends at Ganon Preschool.

Happy holidays to Dr. Irwin Kreisman by District Realty Corporation.

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Happy holidays to Roger Greenberg by District Realty Corporation.

Happy holidays to Robert Greenberg by District Realty Corporation.

Happy holidays to Leon Bronstein by District Realty Corporation.

Happy holidays to Herb Rosenfeld by District Realty Corporation.

Happy holidays to Jules Sigler by District Realty Corporation.

Happy holidays to Mrs. Kizell by District Realty Corporation.

Happy holidays to Tom Schwartz by District Realty Corporation.

Happy holidays to Joel Webber by District Realty Corporation.

Best wishes to Heather Fern on her birthday by the Zelikovitz family.

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Randi and Ian Sherman, Jonathan, Matthew and Adam.

SOLDWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

YOUTH SERVICES FUND

In memory of Gloria Kramer by Carol and Ralph Kassie.

In memory of Ben Baylin by Carol and Lawrence Pascoe and family.

In memory of Walter Grunfeld by Board and Staff of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

SOLDWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

SEND A KID TO CAMP FUND

Wishing Lome Kostove a ruah shlemah by the Board and Staff of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

LAURA AND GORDON SPERGLER ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Laura and Gordon Sperglar on their 52nd wedding anniversary by Libby and Stan Katz; and by Selly and Morton Taler.

MEDEL, ANNIE, LIBBY, JACK AND ABE STEINBERG

MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Miriam Steinberg on her engagement by Lily and Jerry Penso and family; and by Victor and Shirley Steinberg.

BOBBY STEINBERG MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a beloved father-in-law and grandfather Earl Steinberg by Jane Steinberg, Jesse and Conor.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear friend David "The

Bear" Kardash by Jane Steinberg, Jesse and Conor.

## HYMAN AND MOLLIE STEINMAN MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear brother Jack Steinman, 4 Tevet, by Leah and Freda Stehman.

## LEAH, FREDA AND HENRY STEINMAN

ENDOWMENT FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear brother Henry Steinman, 17 Tevet, by Leah and Freda Stehman.

## WILLIAM "BILL" STERNBERG MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a beloved father and grandfather Ralph Sternberg by Laya and Ted Jacobsen, Stephanie and Wayne Dancy and Stewart and Jennifer Wolfe.

With appreciation to Arthur Cogan by Laya and Ted Jacobsen.

In memory of Raye Levin by Laya and Ted Jacobsen and family; by Stephanie and Wayne Dancy; and by Stewart and Jennifer Wolfe.

In memory of Bill Goldenberg by Rebecca Steinberg.

In memory of aunt Mary Segall by Laya and Ted Jacobsen, Stephanie and Wayne Dancy and Stewart and Jennifer Wolfe.

Thinking of Naomi Bulka and wishing her well by Laya and Ted Jacobsen.

Get well wishes to Charles Cook by Laya and Ted Jacobsen.

## FREDA AND PHIL SWEDKO MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Libby Kardash by Claire and Irving Bercovitch.

## CASEY AND BESS SWEDLOVE ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Bess and Casey Swedlove on their 60th wedding anniversary by Laura Greenberg; by Rose and Chick Taylor; by Barbara and Len Farber; by Frank and Wendy Swedlove and family; by Ben and Marjorie Achbar; by Libby and Stan Katz; by Rabbi Arnold and Chevy Fine; by Lamy, Denise, Melanie and Danielle Litwick; by Elaine Litwick and Harris Stein; by Sally and Morton Taler; by Micki Grossman; by Barry and Rickie Baker and family; by Stuart Levine; and by Bert and Abe Klugsberg.

JOSEPH AND IRENE SWEDLOVE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Sarah Max by Irene Swedlove.

RUTH TALLER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Able Zinman by Mendy, Jason and Natalie Taler.

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Mendy, Jason and Natalie Taler.

Wishing Faye Shufman a ruah shlemah by Mendy, Jason and Natalie Taler.

SAMUEL AND ANNE TALLER ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Saul Goldfarb a ruah shlemah by Anne Taler.

In memory of Rhoda Zinman by Anne Taler.

## CLAIRE AND SAM TANNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Danny Rosenfeld's mother by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family; and by Sandra, Eli and Aaron Hoffman.

Best wishes to Alvin Stein on his special birthday by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family.

THE TARANTOUR FAMILY FUND

Best wishes to Lit Kardash on her special birthday by Selma Tarantour.

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In memory of Fella Cook by Sunny and John Tavel.  
Best wishes to Gerald Levitz on his special birthday by Sunny and John Tavel.

With appreciation to Isaac Muzikansky by Sunny Tavel.  
Mazal Tov to Fran and Robert Gordon on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jason by Liliyan and Horace Philipp.

In memory of Libby Kardash by Stan and Ellen Magidson; and by Liliyan and Horace Philipp.

Best wishes to Manual Litwin on his special birthday by Stan and Ellen Magidson; and by Liliyan and Horace Philipp.

### CHARLES AND ROSE TAYLOR ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Sam Kardash a *ri'uah sh'lemah* by Rose and Chick Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Jeff Taylor and Susie Weisman on their wedding anniversary by Mom and Dad Rose and Chick Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Mona and Ari Zaretsky on their wedding anniversary by Mom and Dad Rose and Chick Taylor.

### IRVING AND ETHEL TAYLOR ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Mark Zunder a speedy recovery by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

### MOSES, CHENYA AND HENRY TORONTO MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear father and grandfather Moses Torontow by Jean Naemark and family.

Best wishes to Bea Torontow on her special birthday by Jean Naemark and family.

### SARA AND ZEEV VERED ENDOWMENT FUND

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In memory of Bella Zelikow by the Vered family.

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In memory of Maude Gilbert by Gail and Stephen Victor.

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Best wishes to Ruth and Joe Viner on their special birthday days by Anita and Herb Saslove.

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Mazal Tov to Wally and Elaine Viner on the birth of their granddaughter by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

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In memory of Doreen's mother by Haze Wainberg.

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Best wishes to my wife Phyllis Waserman on her birthday by Nat Waserman.

Mazal Tov to Emie and Sadie Waserman on their 50th wedding anniversary by Nessie Waserman.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear father and grandfather Harry Weidman by Roz and Myles Taler and family.

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In memory of Sarah Max by Miriam and Louis Weiner; and by Larry and Carol Gradus.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear husband and father Morris Resnick by Sarah Resnick and family.

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Mazal Tov to Vera and Leslie Klein on their son Andrew's graduation from the University of Waterloo with honours by Judie and Fred Ross.

Mazal Tov to Judie and Fred Ross on the birth of their grandson Justin Paul Joseph by Edie Landau.

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Mazal Tov to Judie and Fred Ross on their wedding anniversary and happy Chanukah by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

Mazal Tov to Gerald Levitz on his special birthday by the Ross family.

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Best wishes to Helene Zaret on her move to Toronto by Bella Leikin and family.

Best wishes to Esther Ross on her special birthday by Helene Zaret.

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Helene Zaret.

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In memory of Bella Zelikow by Margaret Campbell; by Elissa, Avraham, Michaly and Daniel Iny; by Naomi Peardman; by Carole and Norman Zageman; by Joan and Russell Kronick; by Paul and Fran Pearl; by Drs. David and Bessie Borwein; and by Eleanor Ferguson.

Congratulations to Marion Mayman on receiving the Y2K Nepean Medal by Norman and Myrna Barwin.

Congratulations to Shidey Wastelnde on receiving the Y2K Nepean Medal by Norman and Myrna Barwin.

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Best wishes to Sandra Zunder on her special birthday by Roz and Myles Taler and family.

Best wishes to Sam Zunder on his birthday by Roz and Myles Taler and family.

Wishing Malca Prager continued good health by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

In memory of Sarah Max by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

Wishing Lou Eisenberg continued good health by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

### JAMIE BEREZIN B'NAI MITZVAH FUND

Wishing Saul Goldfarb a *ri'uah sh'lemah* by Tami and Robert Berezin.

Best wishes to Shelley and Gary Berezin and family for a happy Chanukah by the Pascoe family.

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With appreciation and happy holidays to Sharon Brush by Marshall Rothman.

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## Gateways to the shtetl

Gateways (or portals) are very handy websites. Their distinguishing feature is that they group a great deal of related material even though it may come from different sources on the Net. For example, a news portal may have a selection of links to various news sources, or a selection of current news stories each of which links to one or more separate web publications. These portals provide a way of getting a broad view of what is available in a particular subject area and connecting to the separate sources that deal with that area.

This column will identify a half-dozen key sites for entry into three main areas of our concern – the Jewish world in general, Israel, and Judaism, i.e. Jewish religion and values.

### Broad Jewish Portals

One of the most generally recognized entry-points for Jewish information on the Web is *Maven* (<http://www.maven.co.il>). This is a straightforward, encyclopedic directory list, with main headings and sub-heads, cataloguing links to the whole spectrum of Jewish Internet content.

A second site, *Shamash*, contains its own annotated directory of Jewish links (<http://www.shamash.org/trb/judaism.html>). Its advantage is that for each section of its main links, there is an annotated list of carefully chosen specific links. This should be your first choice for exploring the Jewish web, with *Maven* being used to supplement it if necessary.

### Israeli Portals

About's "Israeli Culture" site (guide: Ellis Shuman) covers the range of Israeli topics, not just "culture" (<http://israeli.culture.about.com/culture/israeliculture/>).

I most recently visited the site on December 26. Like other About sites, the central part of the page covered a number of news and discussion topics. Among these were the American proposals to Israel and the Palestinians (linking to a series of documents) and material on Jerusalem – including a history of King David's city. In the main, weekly section there were also a review of poverty in Israel, a discussion of how Chanukah is

celebrated in Israel, and various regular features, including tips on travel in Israel. The left-hand column has links to many other Israeli topics (e.g. archaeology, communities throughout Israel and Judaism in Israel) while on the right there are links to related About sites (e.g. Judaism, Hebrew Language, and Arah Culture). The site also has a subscription newsletter (weekly), discussion forums and live chat groups.

Virtual Jerusalem (<http://www.virtualjerusalem.com>) is a similar site, involving extensive updated content, forums and chat lines covering the full range of Israeli subjects and extending outward to more general Jewish-interest topics. A useful feature is the group of links near the bottom of the Virtual Jerusalem home page which takes you to various affiliates – mainly Jewish publications and information/advocacy groups.

### Portals on Judaism

In earlier columns, I provided pointers to a variety of Jewish religious sites (Judaism 101, the Jewish Theological Seminary Conservative site, as well as Chabad's and Reform's main sites). The following two sites can be added as useful gateways to Jewish religion and values.

A generic portal to Judaism is provided by another About site – About Judaism (guide: Lisa Katz) at <http://judaism.about.com/religion/judaism/>. Its approach is eclectic and pragmatic; many of its features, particularly in the section that deals with "essentials", resemble a home handyman's "how to" guide to practicing Judaism. Overall organization follows the universal About format.

Content of the main, central section changes at least weekly and highlights the topic of most current interest. When I saw it, it dealt with various aspects of Chanukah. The left-hand column has links to material that draws one deeper into Jewish religion and values: e.g. Torah study, Talmud, life cycle events as well as many issues of current interest – Jewish feminism, countermissionary information, and the like. I also looked at a section to help students with homework. It has the same gen-



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eral features (newsletter, discussion forums, live chat, etc.) as other About sites.

A portal with a perspective that assumes a pre-existent commitment and a desire to deepen learning and practice is provided by the Orthodox Union. OU Online is available at <http://www.ou.org/default.htm>. Like the About site, its central section featured material on Chanukah (with a box above it with links to current Israeli news sources); this will change during the year to reflect currently topical material. There were also highlights of halakha and material on current OU activities.

The right-hand frame has material of immediate significance and utility: e.g., links to the parashah of the week, and a table of Shabbat candlelighting times. The left-hand frame has links to special websites, including both OU material (e.g. its kashrut material) and external sites (e.g. the excellent Judaism 101 website featured in my column last September). Below this are various, useful links to the OU and to other sites (e.g. to place a kvittel – a note between the stones of the Western Wall, together with a request for various prayers – click on "E-mail G-d"); a directory of OU and related E-mail lists, covering various study areas; and the Pades Project, an Orthodox family learning program combining material delivered via the Internet with live discussion groups.






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# JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 22	TUESDAY, JANUARY 23	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24	THURSDAY, JANUARY 25	FRIDAY, JANUARY 26	SATURDAY, JANUARY 27	SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
 <p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>JET Hebrew Reading Crash Course, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET Hebrew Reading II, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Talmud Classes with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET Parshat Hashavua for Teens, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Malca Pass Library Book Discussion Group, Book: Ravestein by Saul Bellow, Reviewer: Sophie Kohn Kaminsky, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Mitzvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Shira Ottawa Rehearsal, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Miracle Begins Group of Narcotics Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p>	 <p>JET Strive for Truth, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>JET The University Connection, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Growing Tree Drop-In Shabbat, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Noah's Ark Drop-In Shabbat, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.</p>  <p><b>CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:43 PM</b></p>	 <p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre presents "Saturday Night Fever", The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ottawa Hadassah-WIZD Klezmer Evening, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish National Fund Tu B'Shevat Telethon, Regional Group, 290 Catherine Street, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET Judaism 102, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Ottawa Jewish Film Society presents Chasing Shadows, and Girona: The Mother of Israel, The Jews of Catalonia, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Study Group For Men, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:00 p.m.</p>
MONDAY, JANUARY 29	TUESDAY, JANUARY 30	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
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This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schafer, calendar co-ordinator at 798-9818 extension 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided. You may fax to 798-9839.

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